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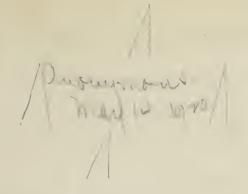
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PART FIRST.

OF THE LETTERS.

As a means of naming the different tones, it is usual to employ the first seven letters of the alphabet, viz: A, B, C, D, E. F. G. When a melody exceeds these seven tones, they are to be repeated or extended, as far as may be required. In a regular emposition, the whole length of the Gamut, or Scale, is sometimes needed.

OF THE STAVE.

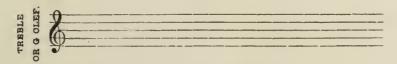
The notes are written on or between five parallel lines, called a Stave. The intervals between the lines are called Spaces. Both lines and spaces are numbered from the bottom of the stave upwards: thus,



Small lines, called Ledger lines, are written above or below the stave, when those of the stave are insufficient: thus,

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Ledger lines above.	
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 Ledger lines below.	

The notes, without regard to their form, are distinguished, as to mere sound, by their position on the stave. To establish their names, it is also necessary that a sign, called a Clef should be used. There are two kinds of Clefs used in undern music. The Treble or Gollef, only, is made use of in compositions for the Guitar, and is always placed at the beging any of the stave: thus,



OF THE GAMUT, OR DIATONIC SCALE.

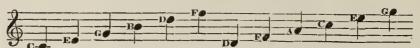
The union of the seven latters in their regular order, with the repetition of the first, forms the Gamut, or Diatonic Scale

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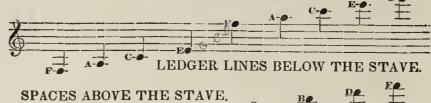


The progress of the pupil will be much facilitated, by committing thoroughly to memory the following examples.

LETTERS ON THE STAVE.



LETTERS ON THE LEDGER LINES ABOVE THE STAVE.

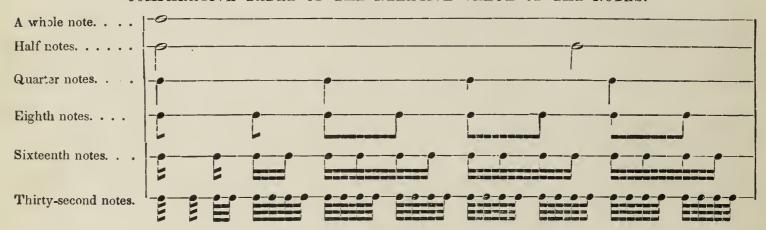




OF THE VALUE OF THE NOTES AND RESTS.

notes, for the mere combination would possess but little variety; but that the length of the notes, relatively greater or less is an essential part of it. The relative duration is called the *Value of the notes*, and is shown by the peculiar form of each note

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF THE RELATIVE VALUE OF THE NOTES.



Besides the above example of notes, there are sixty-fourth notes, having four bars, thus, which are equivalent to one whole note. Then in the same ratio, one whole note is equal to two half notes, or four quarter notes, or eight eighth notes, and so on downward. One half note to two quarter notes, &c. One quarter note to two eighth notes, &c. One eighth note to two sixteenth notes, &c. One thirty-second note to two sixty-fourth notes.

OF THE RESTS.

Rests, in a composition, show the music ceases to be performed during certain intervals of time. They afford repose to the singer or player, prevent confusion between phrases or members of phrases, and aid in producing musical effects. The rests have values corresponding to those of the notes; thus, the whole rest is equal to the whole note; the half rest to the half note; the quarter rest to the quarter note; the eighth rest to the eighth note, &c.

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF RESTS.



OF THE DOTTED, AND DOUBLE DOTTED NOTES AND RESTS.

The different values of the note, according to the preceding tables, are insufficient to express all musical ideas. A note anted might be of a length relatively less than the half note, but greater than the quarter; and as there are no notes of a termediate value between the half and quarter, quarter and eighth, or between any of the other notes, the Dot is used to supply their place: thus, A dot placed after a note increases its length one half of its original value; a dotted whole note is equal to three half notes, a dotted half to three quarter notes, a dotted quarter to three eighths, a dotted eighth to three sixteenths, a dotted sixteenth to three thirty-seconds, a thirty-second to three sixty-fourths.

The following table will show the manner of writing the dotted notes.

TABLE OF DOTTED NOTES.



When a second dot is added to the first, following a whole note, nalf, quarter, eighth, sixteenth, &c., its value is equal to kulf that of the first; see example.

EXAMPLE SHOWING THE DOUBLE DOT.



The single and double dot, which were explained in the preceding examples, are also placed after the rests, and increase their value in the same proportion; see example.

EXAMPLE OF THE DOTTED AND DOUBLE DOTTED RESTS.

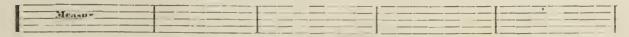


OF TIME.

THE SIGNS OF THE SINGLE AND DOUBLE BARS.

Every piece of music is divided into short and equal portions called *Measures*, by small bars drawn perpendicularly across the stave. The measures are themselves considered as divisible into two, three, or four parts, according to the species of time announced at the beginning of each piece.

EXAMPLE OF THE MEASURE



The main divisions in a piece of music, are called strains, they are expressed by a Double Bar. When dots are placed before the Double Bar, thus, they show that the division previous to it is repeated; when after, thus, following is repeated; see example.

EXAMPLE OF THE STRAIN, AND REPEAT DOTS.

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OF THE SPECIES OF TIME.

There are two principal kinds of time; Common time, containing two or four equal parts, in each measure; and Ti plot. me, containing three equal parts. Each of these times may be Simple or Compound.

Simple common times are indicated by C, or C, containing two half or four quarter notes; and 2-4, containing two quarter or four eighth notes, in each measure.

Simple triple times are 3-4, or three quarter notes; and 3-8, or three eighth notes in each measure.

Compound common times are 6-8, or six eighth notes, or two dotted quarters; and 12-8, or twelve eighth notes, or four dotted quarter notes in each measure.

Compound triple times are 9-4, or nine quarter, or three dotted half notes; and 9-8, or nine eighth, or three dotted quarter notes in each measure.

In counting time, if the movement be slow, count by eighth notes; if quick, by quarter or dotted quarter notes: see example.

EXAMPLES OF TIME.



In common, two-four, three-four, and nine-four times, the value of a quarter note establishes the beats or counts; in three-eight, six-eight, nine-eight, and twelve-eight times, that of an eighth note is used. See examples.

EXAMPLES SHOWING THE VALUE OF THE BEATS OR COUNTS.



OF THE TRIPLET.

When three eighth, (or any other,) notes are played in the time of two, of the same name, or six in the time of four, such given ups are called Triplets; and, to render them plain, it is usual to place the figure 3 over or under the three notes taken for two, and the figure 6 over or under the six notes taken for four: see example.

EXAMPLE SHOWING THE USE OF THE FIGURES 3 AND 6.



OF THE SHARP, FLAT, AND NATURAL.

The Sharp (#, is a sign which raises a note a semitone. The Flat (b) lowers it a semitone, and the Natural (5) restores a note, altered by a sharp or flat, to its original sound. A Sharp or Flat placed next to a note, is called an Accidental, and acts only in the measure in which it occurs. When these signs are placed at the commencement of a piece of music, namely; at the Clef to point its tone, all the notes which are on the same line or space, (or any line or space of the same name,) on which these signs are placed, are affected by them. There are as many sharps and flats as there are letters, they, like the latter, are placed on and between the lines, commencing with F, the sharps ascend by fifths and descend by fourths. The Flats are placed, commencing with B, in ascending, by fourths, and in descending by fifths, thus:



There is also a Double Sharp, (*) which raises a note a whole tone, and a Double Flat (bb) which lowers a note a whole tone.

OF THE INTERVALS. (OR DEGREES.)

The listance between two sounds, or from one line to a space, or from one space to a line is called an Interval, or Degree thus,



A pupil with a good ear will readily discover that the degrees of the scale are various, for example, the degree from C to 1) is greater than E to F. The first of these degrees is called a tone, and the second a half tone, &c. See Diatonic scale on page 3

OF THE TONIC AND MODE, OR KEY.

A tone is a sound which determines a fundamental letter on which a piece of music is established. Every letter can become fundamental letter or *Tonic*. The *Mode* or key, is the character of a tone; they are of two kinds, viz: the *Major* and the *Minor* mode or key. The mode is *Major*, when there are *two* full tones from its Tonic to its third, and *Minor*, when there is a tone and half tone from its Tonic to its third: thus,



The Key of a piece of music is indicated by the number of Sharps or Flats which are at the Clef, or Signature. Each Major key, which we call the principal key, has a relative Minor key. It is called relative, because, it is marked at the signature by the same number of sharps or flats at its principal key, except the key of C Major, and its relative A Minor, which have no signature. The relative Minor key is a tone and a half tone below its principal key, as the following table shows.





To shorten the study of the foregoing tables, and to know in which key a piece of music is, it is necessary to know that when there are no flats or sharps at the signature, it is in C Major or A Minor: with the #, the major key is one half tone above the last sharp added to the signature; and the Minor key two half tones below it; with the #, the Major key is five half tones below the last flat added to the signature; and in the Minor key four half tones above. To know whether we are in the principal key of the Major Mode, or in its relative Minor, it is necessary to examine whether the fifth of the Major key is accidentally altered by a sharp or flat; if not, we are in the principal Major key; if it is altered, we are in the relative Minor

OF ABBREVIATIONS.

To abbreviate is to represent several notes by a single one, or by a single sign. This is sometimes done for want of room in the stave, and sometimes to save time and labour in the writing or copying, or to avoid repetitions of a single note of passage. Example:



THE PAUSE, () is placed over notes and rests, and denotes that the performer may stop at pleasure. Example.



DA CAPO, or D. C. indicates that the performer must begin the piece again, and end at the first double bar, or continue to the word Fine. The Sign \$. indicates that the performer must return to one of the same, and end as D. C.

SIGNS INDICATING THE DEGREE OF POWER.

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We would recommend that every learner be provided with a copy of Hamilton's Dictionary of One Thousand Musical terms, signs and abbreviations.

GUITAR SCHOOL.

PART SECOND.

MANNER IN WHICH THE GUITAR IS STRUNG AND TUNED.

The Guitar has six strings; the three first of which are gut, and are called *Treble strings*; and the three others, of silk covered with silver wire, and are called *Bass strings*. They are tuned by *Fourths*, with the exception of the 3d string, waich tuned a *Third* below the 2d. See Example.



MANNER OF HOLDING THE GUITAR, AND THE POSITION OF THE HANDS.

To hold the Guitar well, it is necessary to sit on a seat in common use; the right foot to rest on a stool of a height proportioned to the seat; sit in an easy natural position. Being thus seated, the Guitar is placed transversely on the right thigh, as the Teacher will direct. This position is preferable to all others, as it is the most graceful and natural. If the Teacher prefers any other position, he can direct the pupil.

THE LEFT HAND AND ARM.

The left hand should lightly press the neck between the thumb and forefinger, the end of the thumb rest on the side next to the large silver string, between the 1st and 2d frets, and the large joint of the fore finger between the nut, (the end of the finger board,) and the first fret on the side next the small string. The arm should hang easy, graceful, and natural, with the elbow separated a short distance from the body, taking care to hold the fore arm and wrist curved; the fingers to be separated and held as hammers, ready to strike the strings between the four first frets. The fingers in this position will naturally fall upon the three first strings; and when required to reach the other three, the wrist should be still more curved, and the thumb brought more under the neck. The thumb is sometimes used for the sixth string, in playing particular notes. When thus used, the word Thumb is placed under the note; or a cross, thus x, is used by some composers.

THE RIGHT HAND AND ARM.

The right arm should rest on the edge of the sound-board, between the elbow and wrist, directly over the bridge. The nand should hang easy and without stiffness, the fingers a little curved, and held over the Treble strings. The thumb should be placed on one of the Bass strings. When it is desirable to soften the tone of the Guitar, the hand must be moved towards the circle, or opening in the sound board. This gives the notes something of the Harp tone.

MANNER OF TOUCHING THE STRINGS.

As a general rule, the three treble strings are mostly used by the three fingers. The Bass strings by the thumb. The little finger is not used except in chords and arpeggios of five, and six notes. To obtain a full and mellow tone, it is neccessary to apply some force with the end of the fingers, not touching the strings with the nails, as they thereby produce a snapping disagreeable sound. The fingers meet the strings obliquely, so as to cause them to vibrate across the finger-board. They should press and slide along the strings in a sort of undulating or scouping manner. The fingers of the left hand should press the strings very close between the frets, by which the sound is formed and made more clear and pure.

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GUITAR SCHOOL.

ON FINGERING.

The following are the signs used by most authors who have written for the Guitar, to indicate the fingering:

LEFT HAND FINGERING.

For the first finger, figure 1. For the second finger, figure 2.

For the third finger, figure 3. For the fourth finger, figure 4.

For the open strings, figure 0.

The figures 1, 2, 3, for the right hand, and the × for the thumb, are also used, besides a set of dots, and letters, for the fix gers thus, 1st. 2dd. 3dd. and I. M. A. These when used in connection with the set with the left hand, so perplex the put I, have thought proper to dispense with the use of them in this work.

OF TUNING THE GUITAR.

The art of tuning the Guitar is, perhaps, the *greatest* difficulty the pupil has to contend with at the commencement, and will in most every case be taught by a teacher. I have found by experience that the following method, is the quickest acquired by pupils who have not a quick ear.

1st. Tune the Treble string G, to G (or Gb,) on the Piano, Flute, or Pitch Pipe. But if found desirable to the pupi, it may be tuned one or two tones lower.

2d. Place the third finger of the left hand, between the third and fourth fret on the G string, which makes B; then tune the open string B, to the B on the G string.

3d. Place the third finger between the fourth and fifth fret on the B string, which makes E; then tune the open string E, to the E on the B string.

4th. Place the third finger between fourth and fifth fret on the D string, which makes G, then make this sound in unison with the open G string.

5th. Place the third finger between the fourth and fifth fret on the A string, which makes D, then make this sound in unison with the open D string.

6th. Place the third finger between the fourth and fifth fret on the E (bass) string, which makes A, then make this sound in unison with the open string A. See Example.

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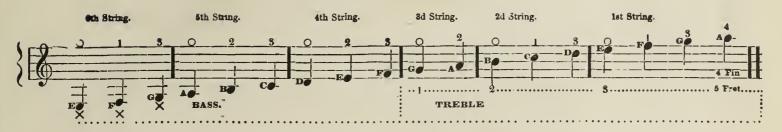


PROOF.

If the octaves do not prove right, then the pupil must go over it again.



THE NATURAL GAMUT

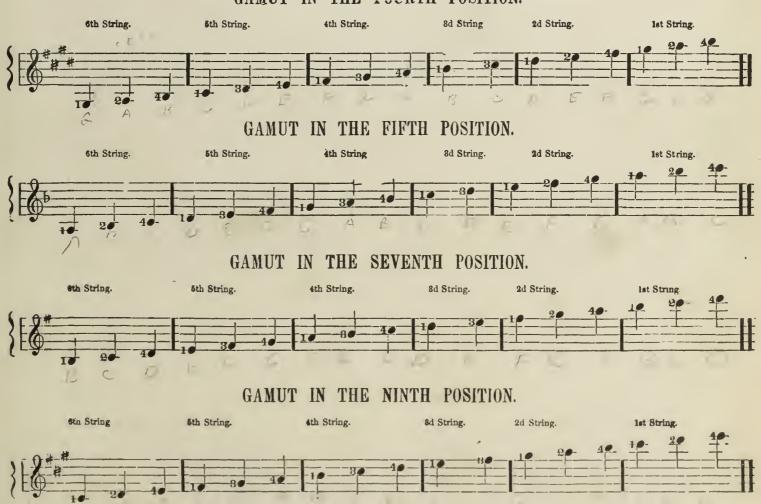


Underneath the above gamut I have placed the thumb and finger marks of the right, merely to initiate and assist the beginner. In that Gamut, the first finger of the left hand is placed on the first fret, consequently it is in the first position.

OF THE POSITIONS.

There are twelve positions on the finger-board of the Guitar. Five of these are called principal positions, as they are more frequently used than the others. These positions are the 1st, 4th, 5th, 7th, and 9th. It is the first finger that determines the positions in which the hand is; thus, when the first finger is placed on the first fret, the hand is in the first position, and so with all the others. They will, however, be best taught and explained by a teacher.

GAMUT IN THE FOURTH POSITION.



Observe the key the above gamuts are put in, by the signatures, (the sharps and flat at the head of the stave.) Observe too that the first finger is the leading finger on each of the strings in these gamuts. The daily, careful practice of these us it a time, would soon familiarize the pupil with them.

GUITAR SCHOOL.

OF DOUBLE NOTES.

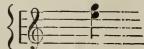
On the Guitar there are passages of double notes in thirds, sixths, octaves, and tenths; to facilitate their execution it is necessary to slide the fingers as much as possible in passing from one fret to another. See Examples.

When two notes which are to be played on the same string meet, the upper note must be taken as usual, and the lower one on the next string, thus,

The D on the second string, the B on the third string, on the fourth Fret.



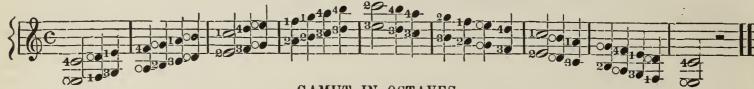
The G on the first string, the E on the second string, on the fifth Fret.



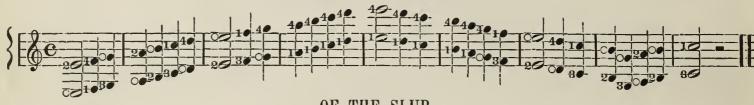
GAMUT IN THIRDS.



GAMUT IN SIXTHS.



GAMUT IN OCTAVES



OF THE SLUR.

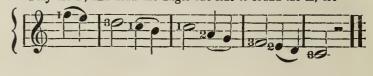
The slur is indicated by this sign, placed over or under the notes that are to be slurred. They are performed both ascending and descending. See Examples.

SLURS OF TWO NOTES ASCENDING AND DESCENDING.

Play the E, and let the first finger descend like a hammer on the F, &c.

Play the F, and draw the finger one side to sound the E, &c





Place the 2d finger on B, the 3d on C, then play B, &c. as in the preceding.

Place the 1st finger on F, the 3d on G, then play the G, then draw the 3d one side as before, keeping the first firm on the string.



There are also slurs of two notes in descending, on two different strings, which are called "Vibration Slurs." To perform them play the higher note, which in this case is almost always open, then strike hard with the finger of the left hand the note which is to be slurred and which will be sounded by the mere impulse of the finger. In ascending, the effect of the slur is produced by slipping the thumb of the right hand from one string to the other; in this case the first note must be struck thand, and the thumb glide with delicacy over the next string. Examples of each:



OF THE SLIDE.

The slide is performed by one finger of the left hand, which slides along the neck, passing over all the frets from the first to the second note, after having struck with the right hand the first of the two notes. The slide produces a good effect on the Guitar, because it imitates the sound of the voice. It is indicated by this sign,



GRACE NOTES, OR APPOGGIATURA.

This name is given to a small note which sometimes is of half the value of the Note which it precedes. In this case it is the long approgratura, and when it has but a very short duration it is called the short approgratura. To distinguish the short from the long approgratura, the former is marked with a dash across the stem. The small notes are played the same as the slurs, giving an impulse to the small note with the right hand, and making the principal note sound with the fingers of the left hand. When a common note, preceded by a small note, is accompanied by one or more parts, the small note must be play ed with the accompanying parts, and the principal note be slurred immediately.



Small notes to be played with the notes of accompaniment.



OF THE CHORDS.

The union of two or more notes played simultaneously is called a Chord. Chords are always divided, or played in Arpeggra; thus, the notes are played one after the other, from the *lowest* to the highest, but sufficiently quick to produce the effect of their being struck together. Example of each.



In slow movements the chords are arpeggio'd slowly, in character with the movement, which is often indicated by this sign, (or) and which sign is placed before the chord. In movements played quick and with point, and which require much sound from the Guitar, when more than four notes are to be played the same sign is used to indicate that the thumb must glide rapidly and with force across the strings. See Example of each.



OF THE BARRE.

The Barré is made by pressing the first finger on two or more strings at one time, and on the same fret. There are two kinds of barré, the great and small. In the small barré, the finger stops but two or three strings. In the great barré, the first finger stops the whole of the six strings. To make the great barré with ease, it is necessary to raise the wrist, and to place the thumb entirely behind the neck of the Guitar. See example of each:



OF ARPEGGIOS.

An Arpeggio is a number of notes played successively in uniform order, and which, when united, form chords. Arpeggios are used on the Guitar, because they produce an agreeable effect on the instrument, and as studies, they give strength and agility to the fingers of the Right hand.

To execute the Arpeggio well, before striking the strings, the fingers of the *left* hand should be placed at *once* on the notes forming the chord, on which the arpeggio is to be played; and when the *last* note is struck, the fingers should be raised to pass to the next chord. This *rule* is *indispensable*; if the fingers were to leave *each note soon* as it was struck, the *vibration* of the *entire chord* would be obstructed; of which, each note is an essential part. The fingers of the right hand should *not* touch the strings, but to make them vibrate. Example:



OF THE KEYS COMMONLY USED UPON THE GUITAR.

The Guitar may be played in all the Keys; but like all other instruments, it has some keys more favorable to it than others. Those which are most favorable, are—

 1st. C Major, Natural key.
 3d. D Major, 2##s.
 5th. E Major, 4####s.

 2d. G Major, 1#,
 4th. A Major, 3###s.
 6th. F Major, 1 b.

The other keys are difficult, because they require too often the use of the barré. There are three Minor Keys, A, E, and D which are oftener used than the others; therefore I consider it unneccessary to introduce any other in the exercises in this work

OF HARMONICS.

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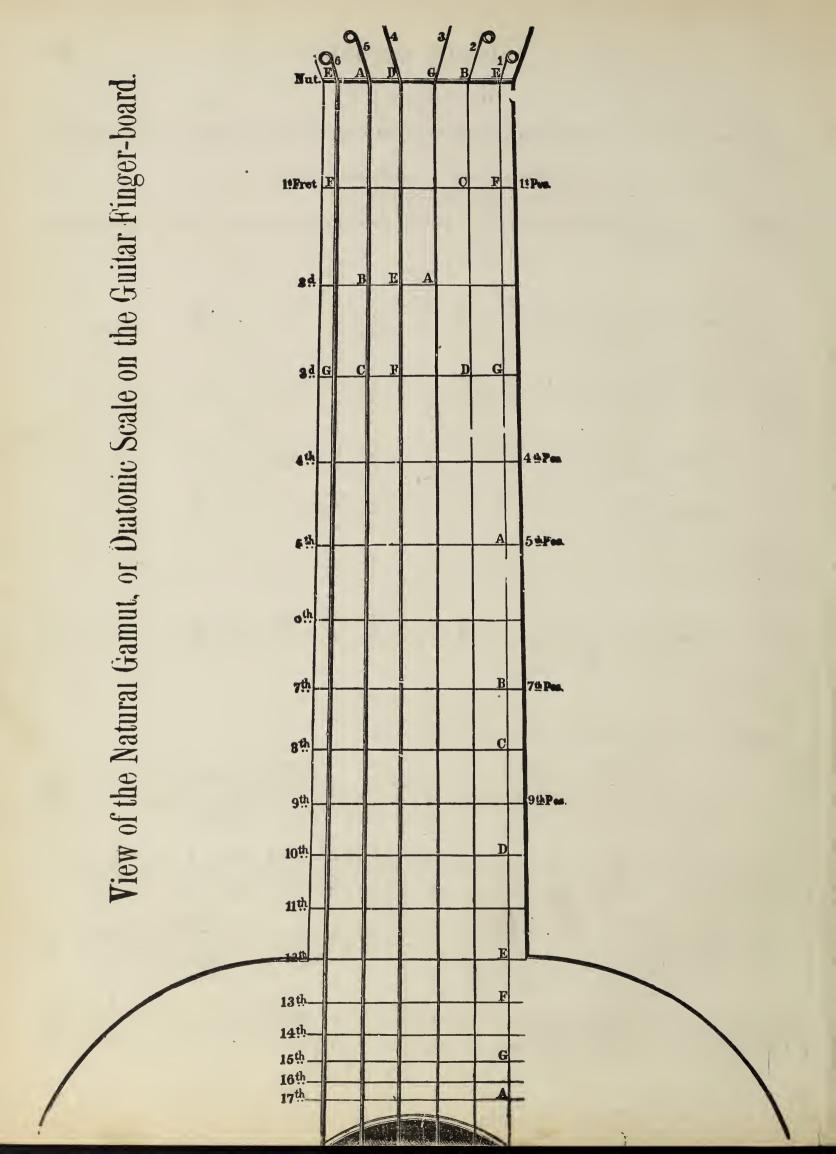
Harmonics sound an octave higher than what they are marked. They are produced at the 12th, 7th, 5th, 4th and 3d frets, the following table shows.



EXERCISE IN HARMONICS.

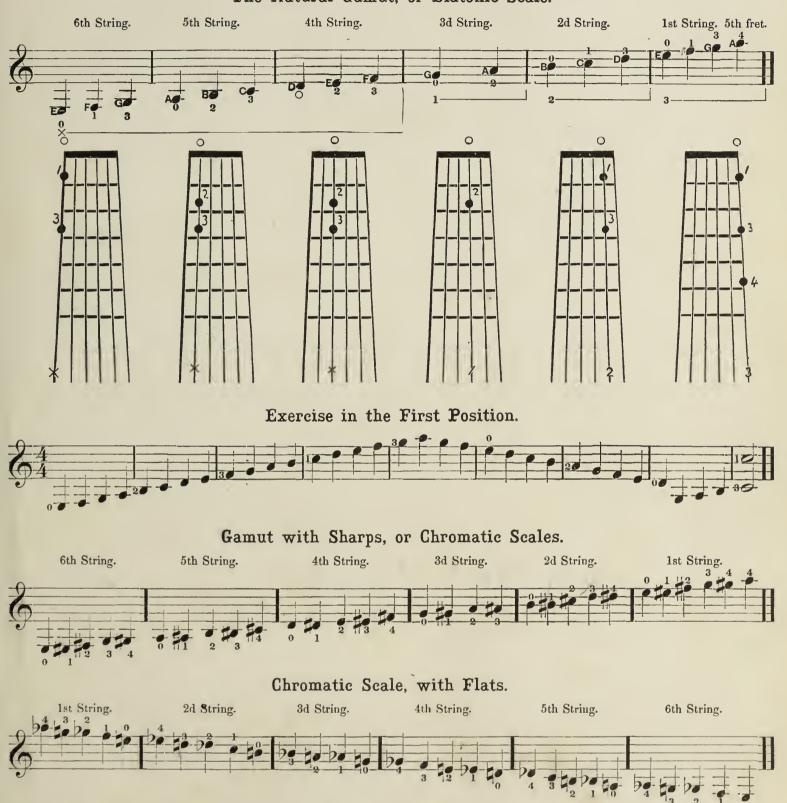
The upper figures point out the frets, and the lower ones the strings.



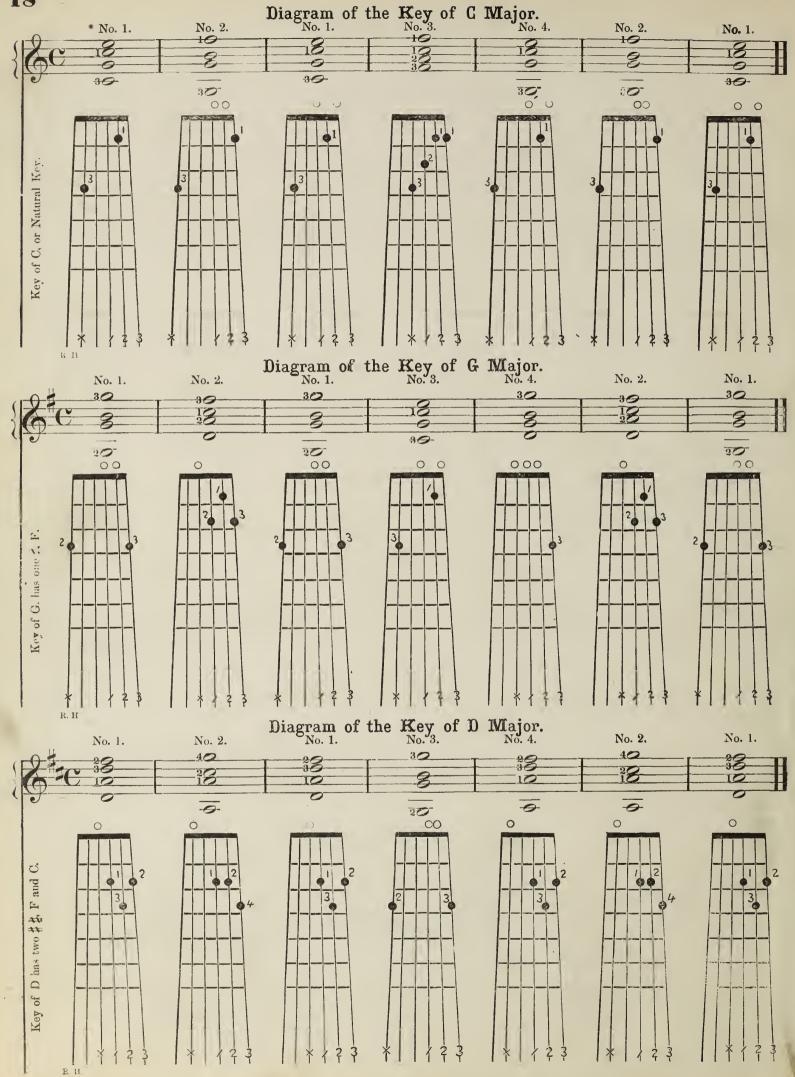


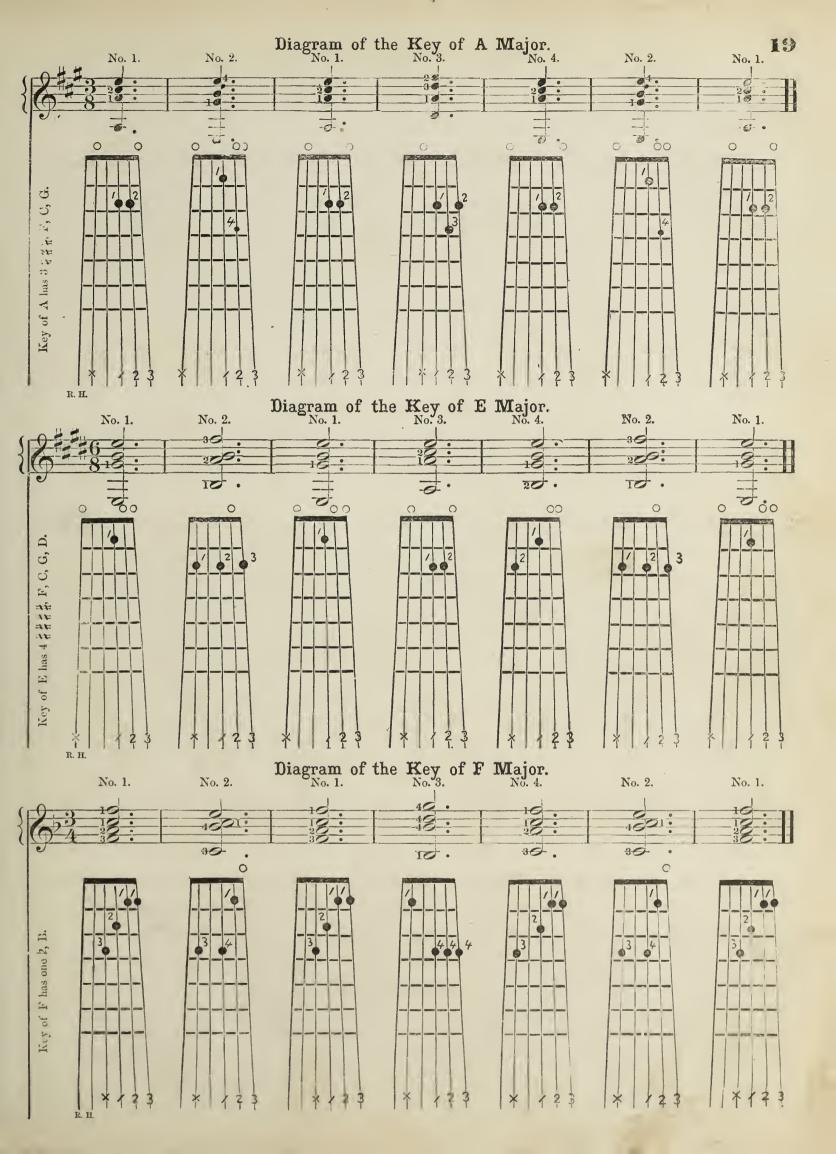
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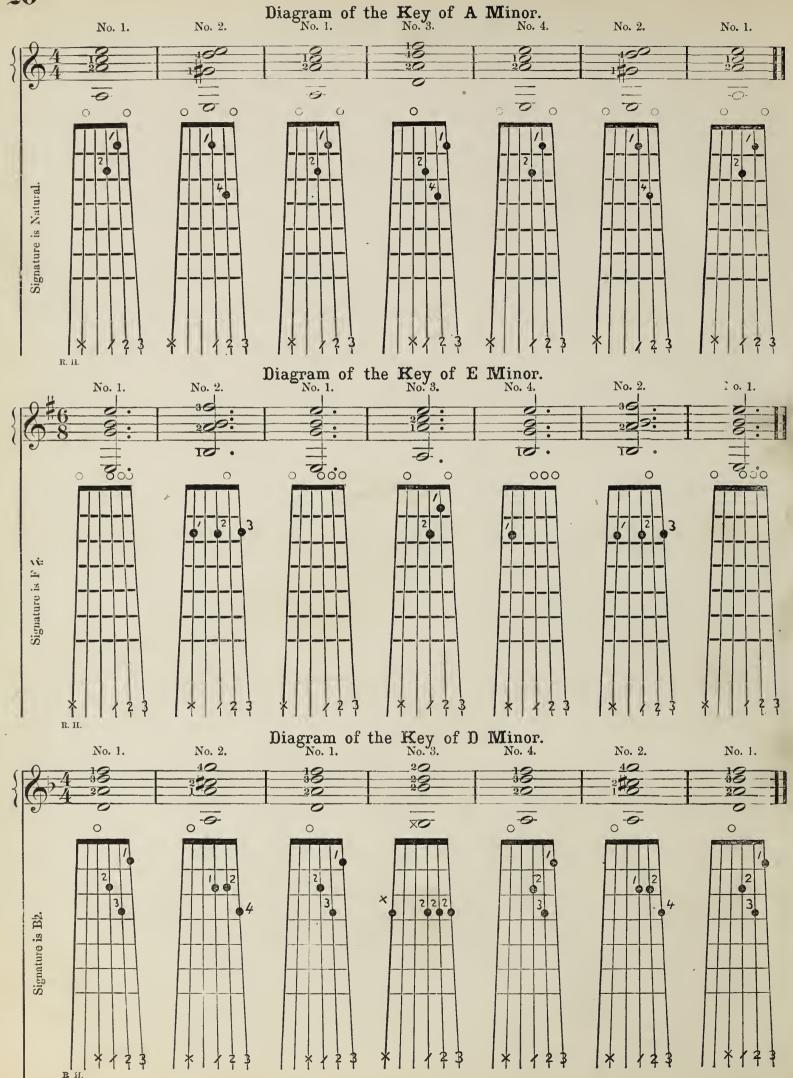
The Natural Gamut, or Diatonic Scale.



*N. B. The following 3 pages of Diagrams are expressly for Students without a Master. The *Nos. 1—2—3 and 4, show the classification of the chords in each Key. See page 25 for farther explanation. The staves show all the chords in each Key. The drawings under each chord, show the position of the fingers of the left hand upon the strings. The figures at the bottom of the drawing, show what fingers are to strike the strings with the right hand, &c.







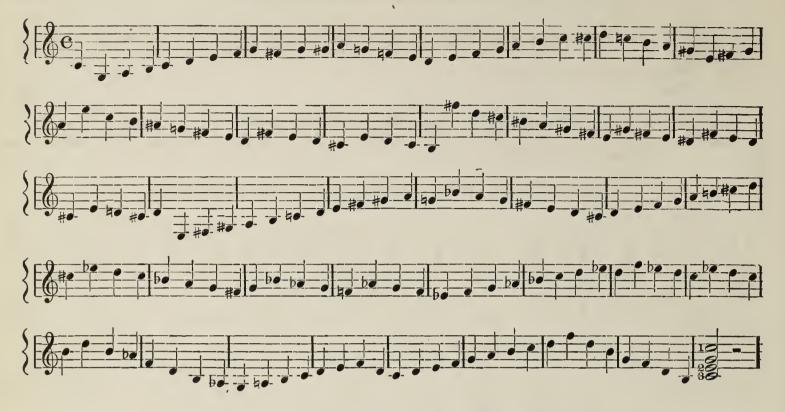
A TABLE, SHOWING THE USE OF THE CAPO DE ASTRO, IN FLATS.

- 1st. Tune the Guitar, 3d string, to Gb.
- 2d. Proceed to tune as before.
- 3d. Then place Capo De Astro between 1st and 2d frets.
- 4th. Then transpose by reading the chord one degree lower than the letter written.
- 5th. For a signature of five flats, play in the (Natural) key of C. For a signature of four flats, play in the key of G. one #, &c., see Example below.

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF FLAT AND SHARP SIGNATURES.

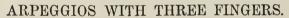


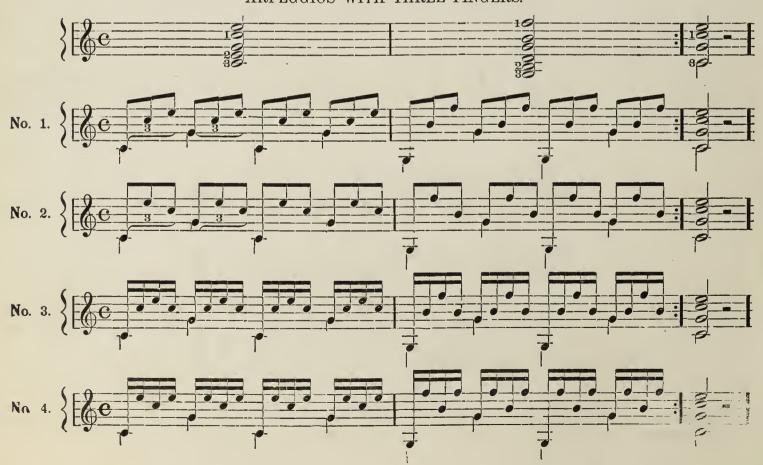
The Guitar may be tuned to full pitch, 3d string, G Natural, then tune as before: place Capo De Astro between not and is Transpose as in the Table above; but, the first is deemed preferable to any other

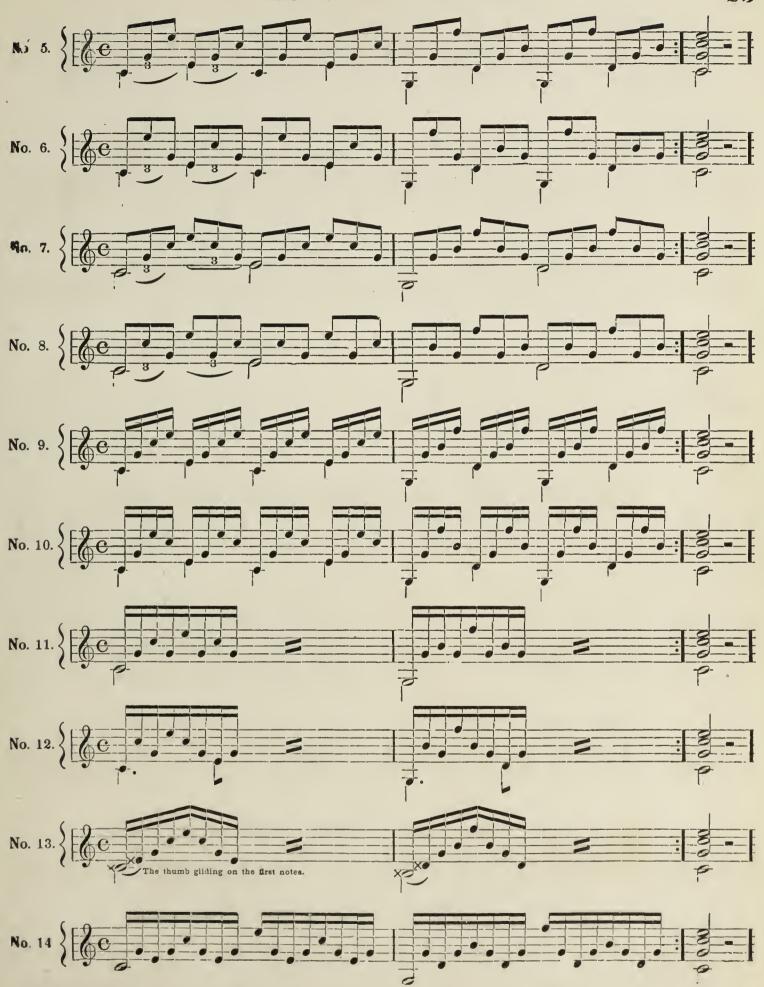


ARPEGGIOS WITH THREE AND FOUR FINGERS.

These Arpeggios are given for the purpose of exercising the Right Hand, and to establish general rules which will serve to show the fingering of that hand in all similar passages. Each Arpeggio ought to be repeated several times in succession, and as soon as the pupil is able to execute several with ease, he may undertake the study of the 9 Arpeggios at page 25, without nowever abandoning these. The chords written at the top, are those from which the twenty-two following Arpeggios are derived.





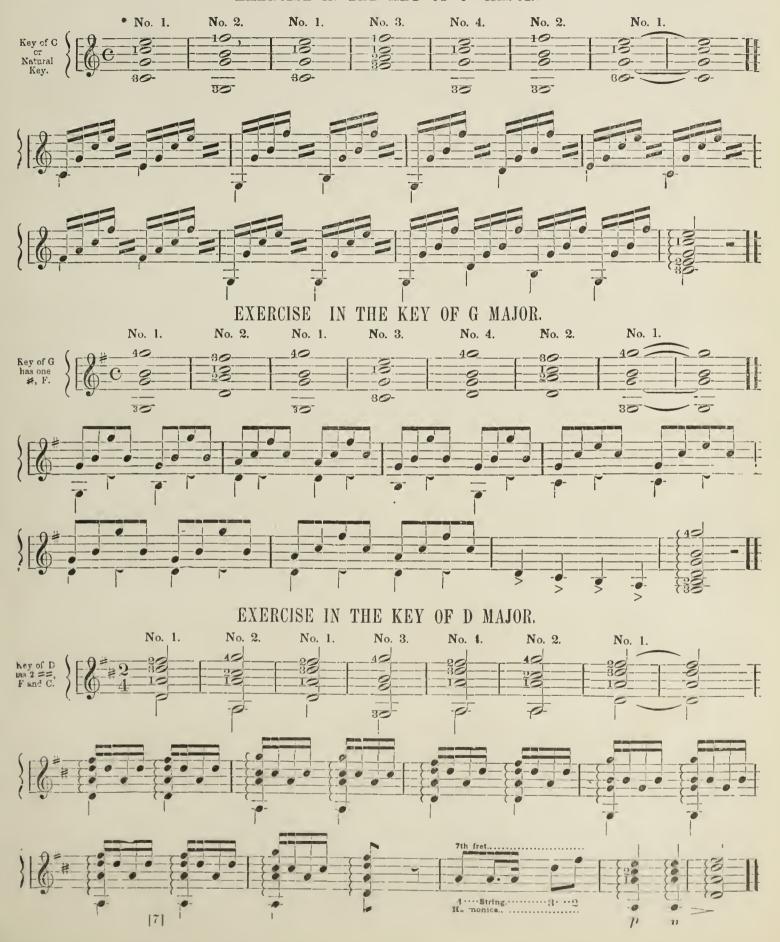




Pupils will derive great benefit from the nine following Exercises, by committing to memory, the name, and number of every shord, in each key: particularly those who wish to learn the Guitar, as an accompaniment to the visce.

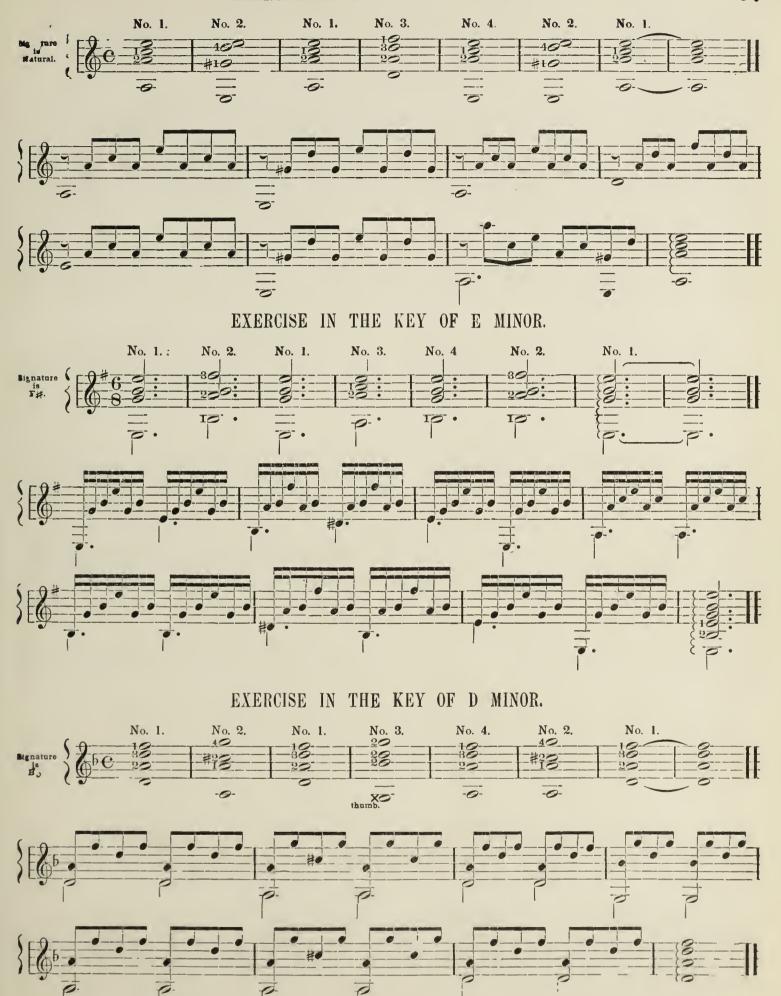
• N. B. The harres placed over the chords at the nead of each exercise, represent chords, taken from certain degrees of the scale in each key, viz. No. 1, the tonic chord, (or first letter of the scale,) No. 2, Dominant 7th, (or 5th letter, do.) No. 3, Sub-dominant, (or 4th etter, do.) No. 4, Dominant harmony, 2nd inversion of the tonic, (or first letter, do.)

EXERCISE IN THE KEY OF C5 MAJOR.

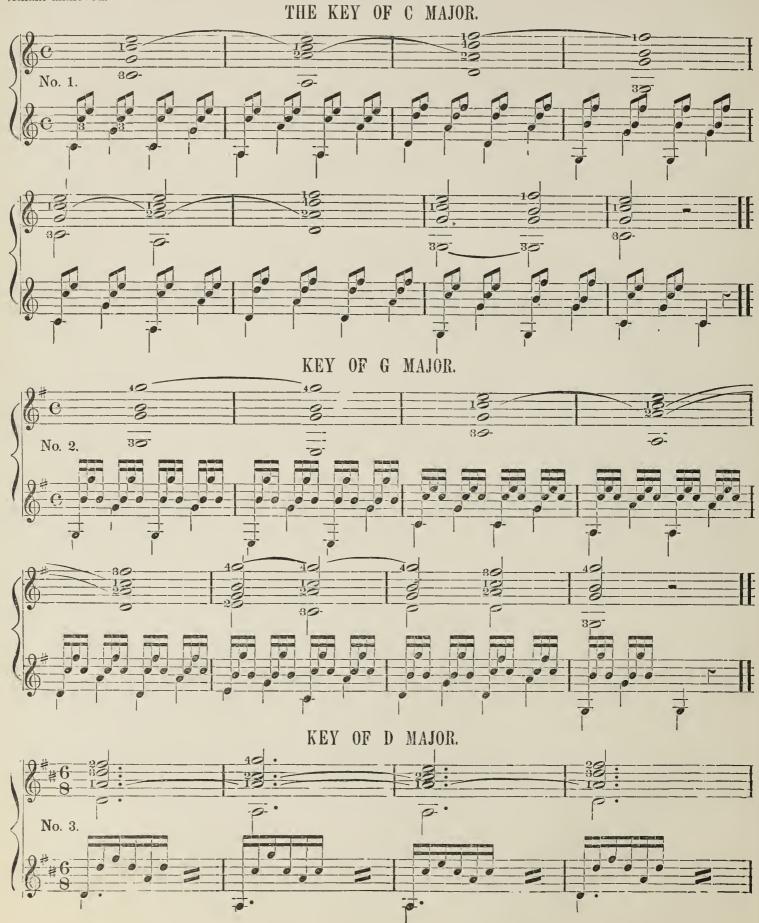


EXERCISE IN THE KEY OF A MAJOR.

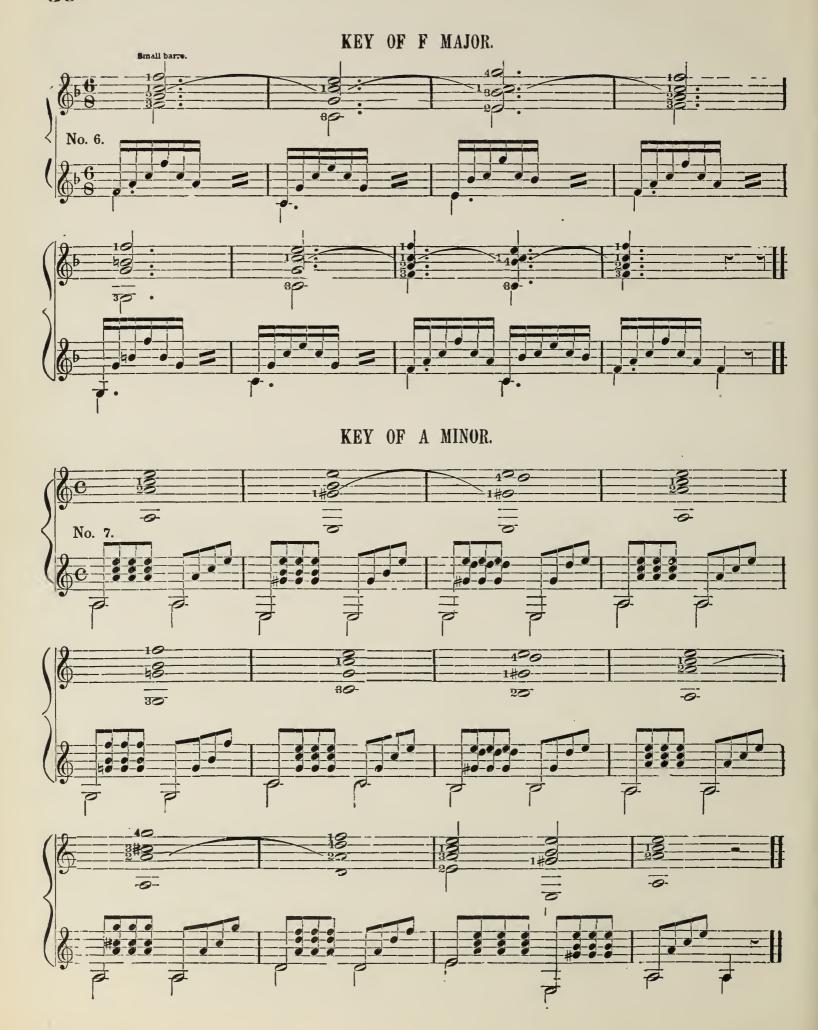


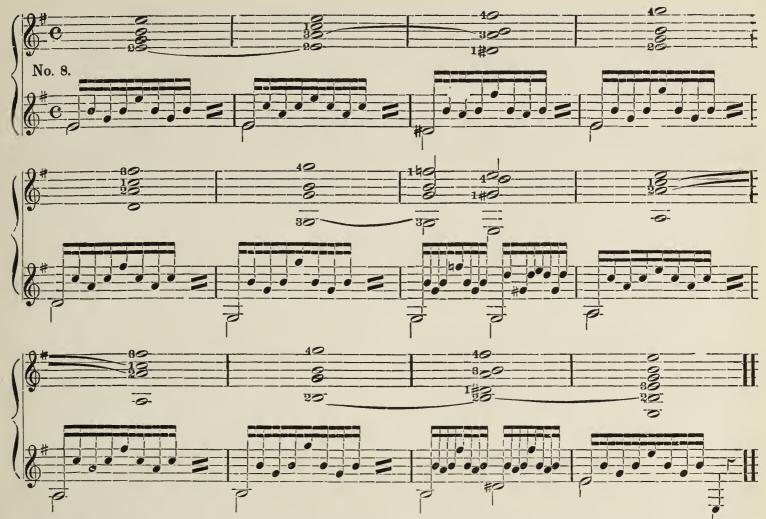


To facilitate the study of the eight following Arpeggios, and the execution of the left hand. I have written on the upper stave over each measure, the chord which is to be played arpeggio, as written on the stave below. The pupil will see at a glance, the chord composing the Arpeggio, and on which notes the fingers are to be placed. The curved lines from one chord to the other, serve to show that the fingering of these notes has not changed, and that the fingers which press them must remain unmoved.



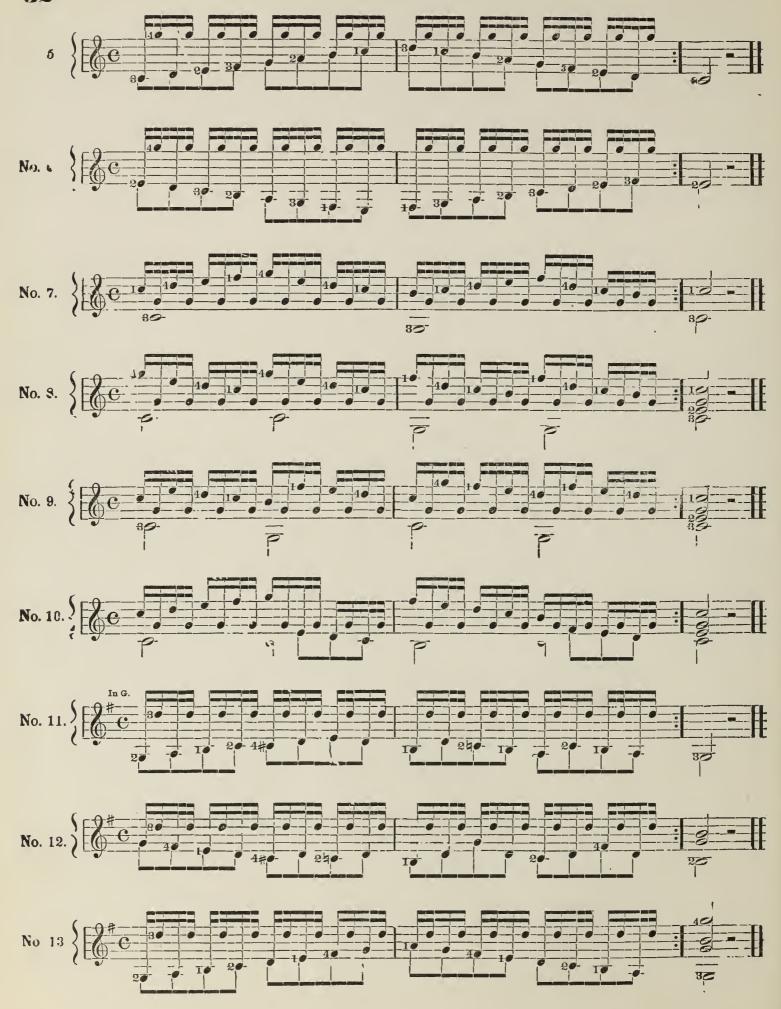


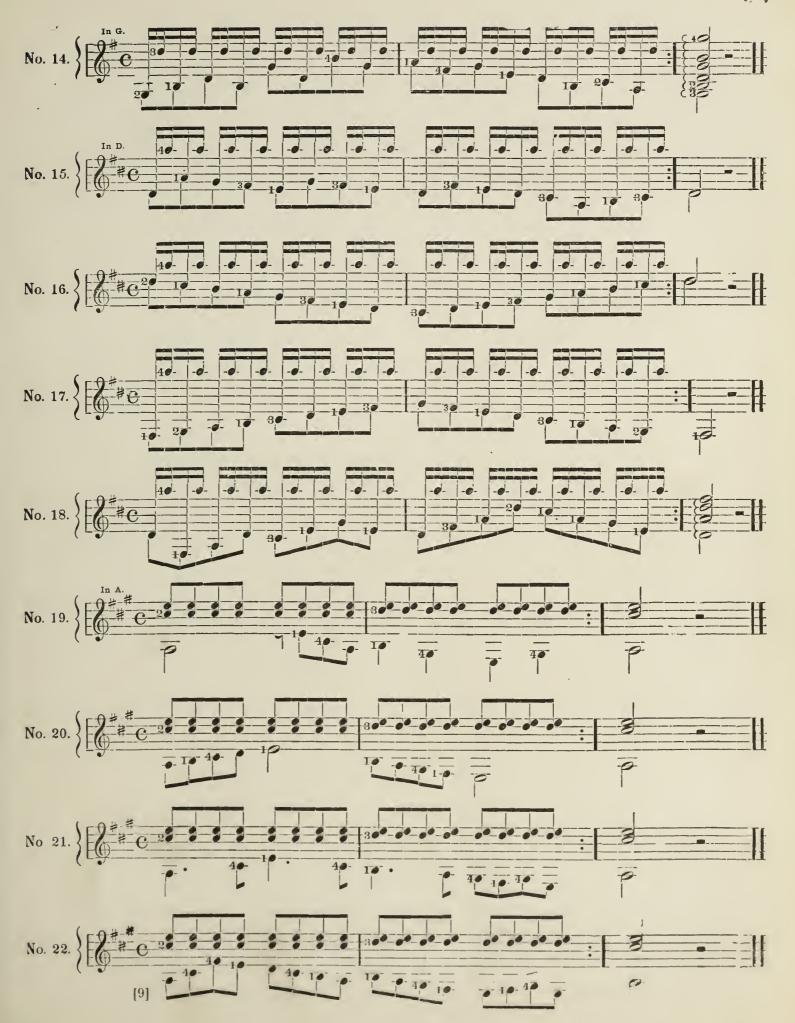




Guitar music almost always requires several parts, which increases the difficulty of execution, therefore the pupil must acquire the habit of moving each finger of the left hand separately and independently. The following twenty-two exercises are very useful in obtaining this object. Each number should be repeated several times.

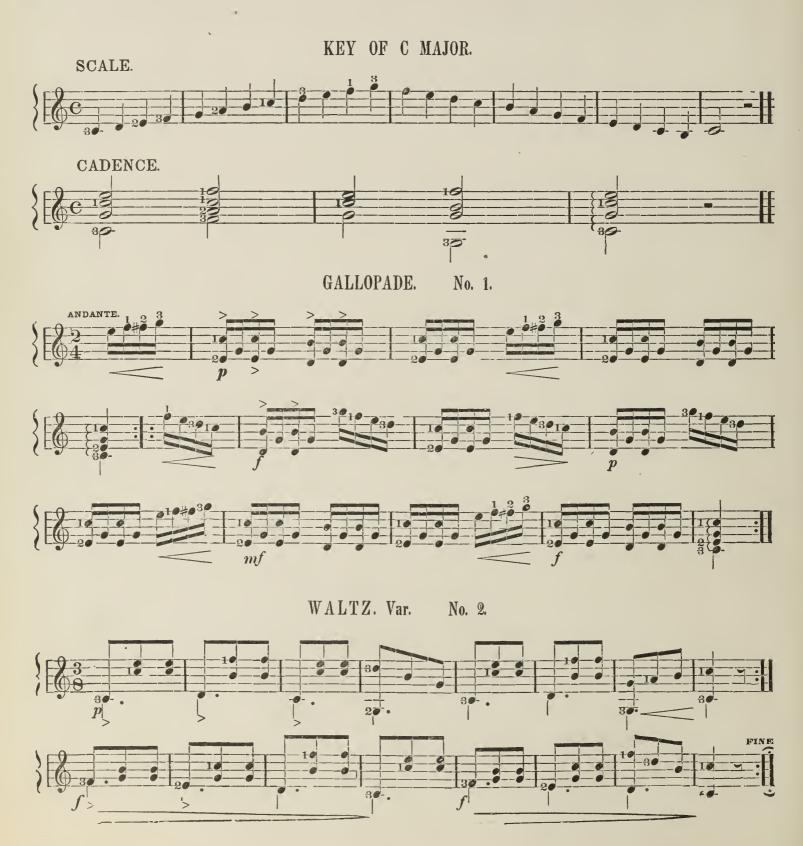


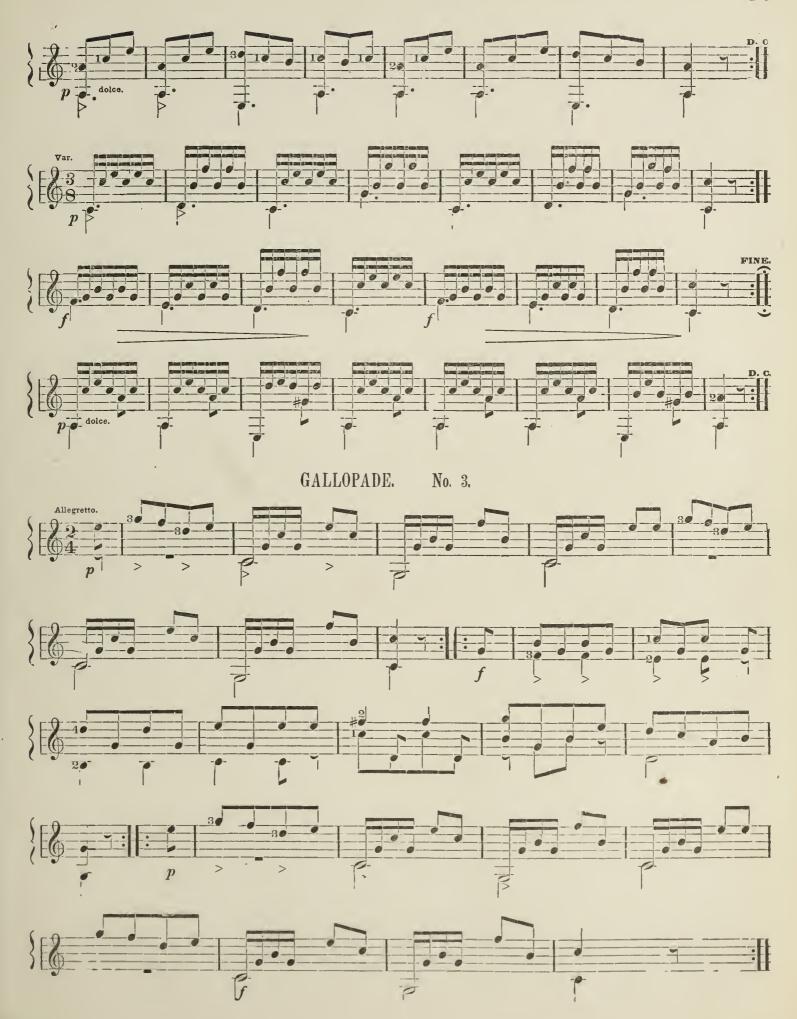




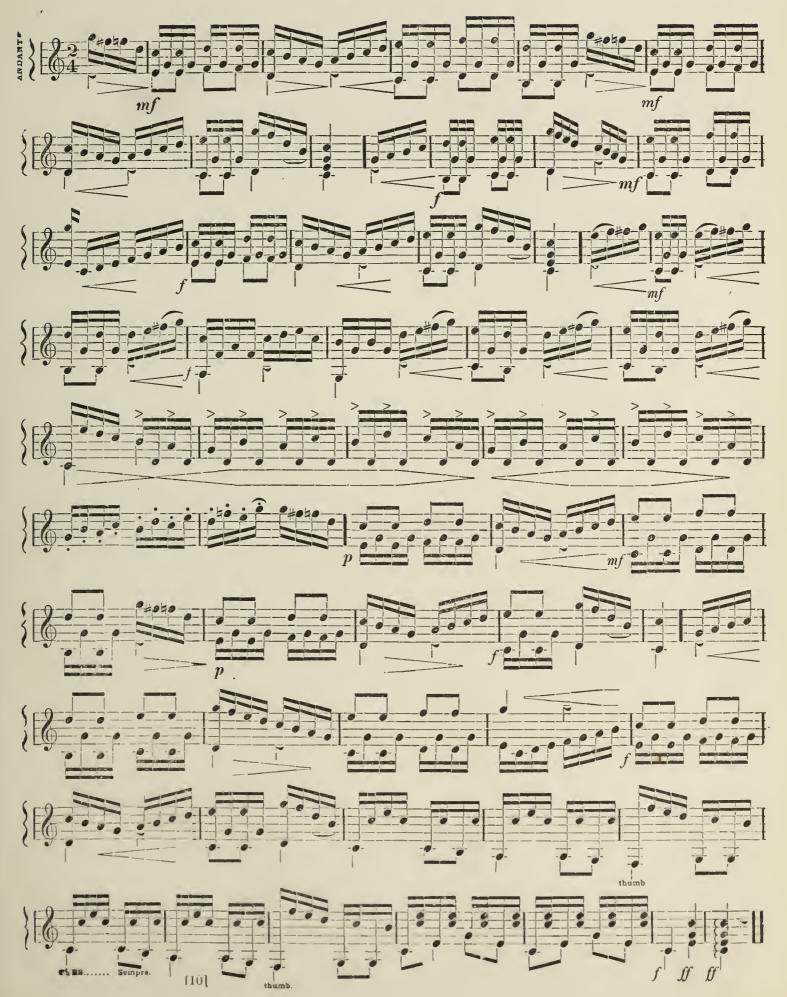
OF THE SCALES AND CADENCES.

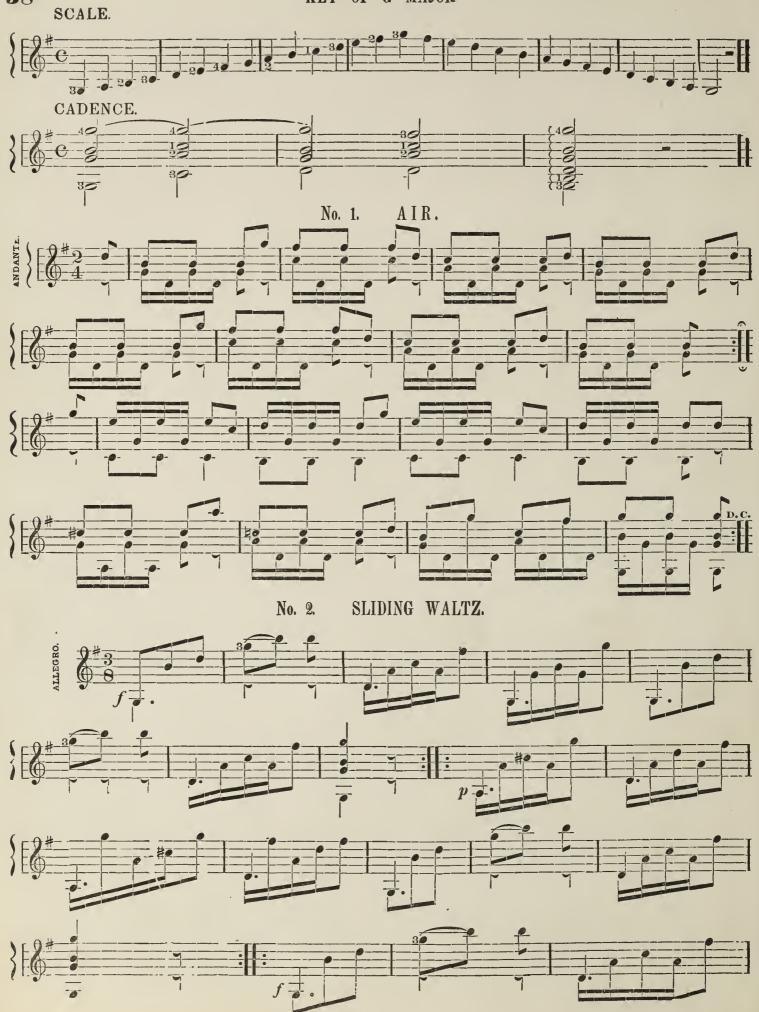
To facilitate the execution of the Scales, it is necessary that the fingers of the left hand should be held sufficiently separated, and so placed, that they may be put on, and taken off the strings, without moving the hand. A finger which is placed on a note, should not be moved but to finger the note following, unless this note should be an open string. In scales ascending when passing from one note to another, the finger must not be raised too quickly from the string, lest it vibrate if left open too soon. In the following pieces, care must be taken to sustain the notes, as well in the Bass, as in the other parts; this caution is necessary in order to obtain a full and harmonious style.

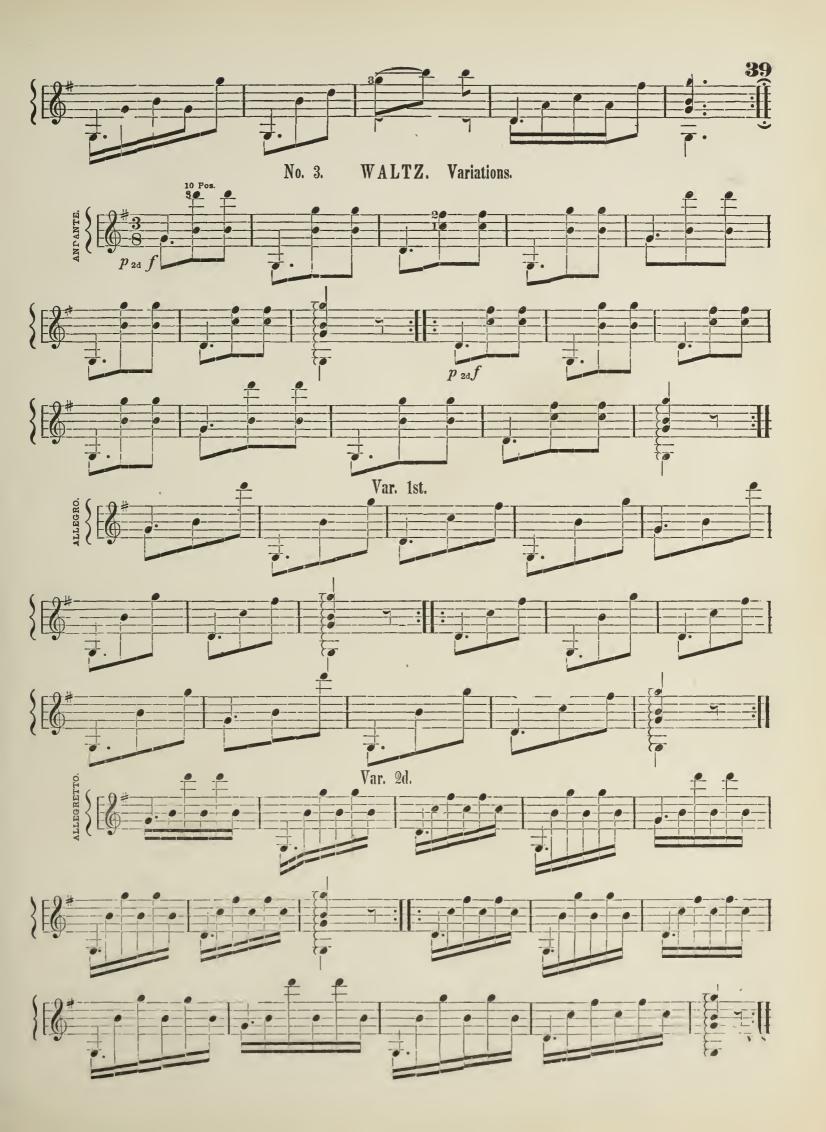


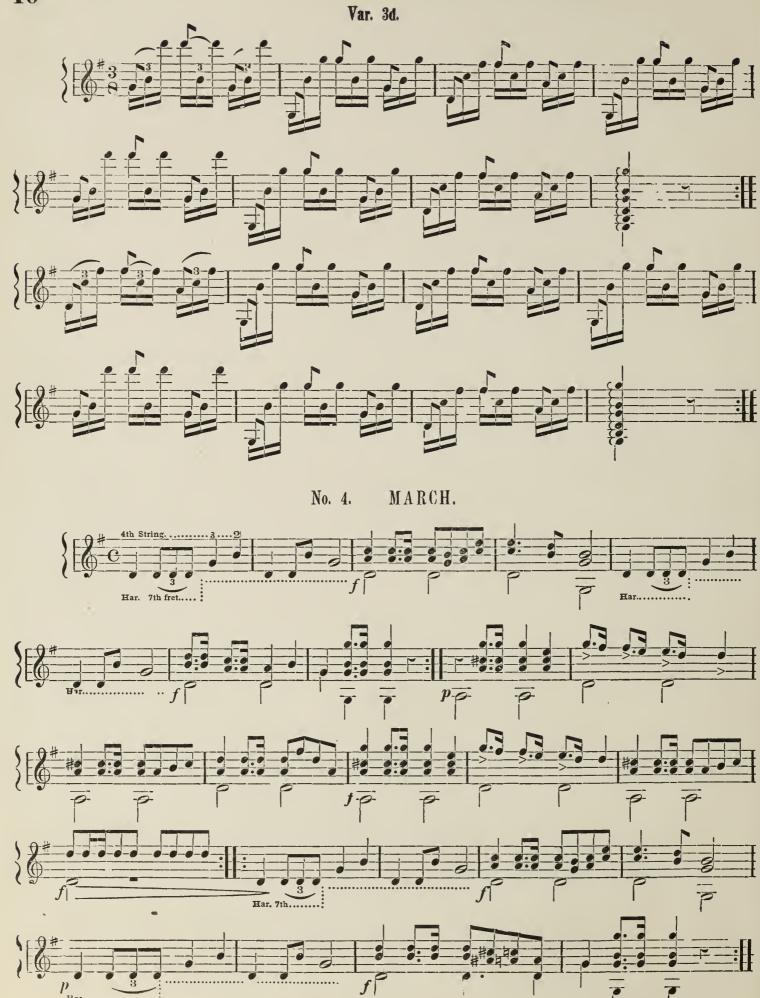








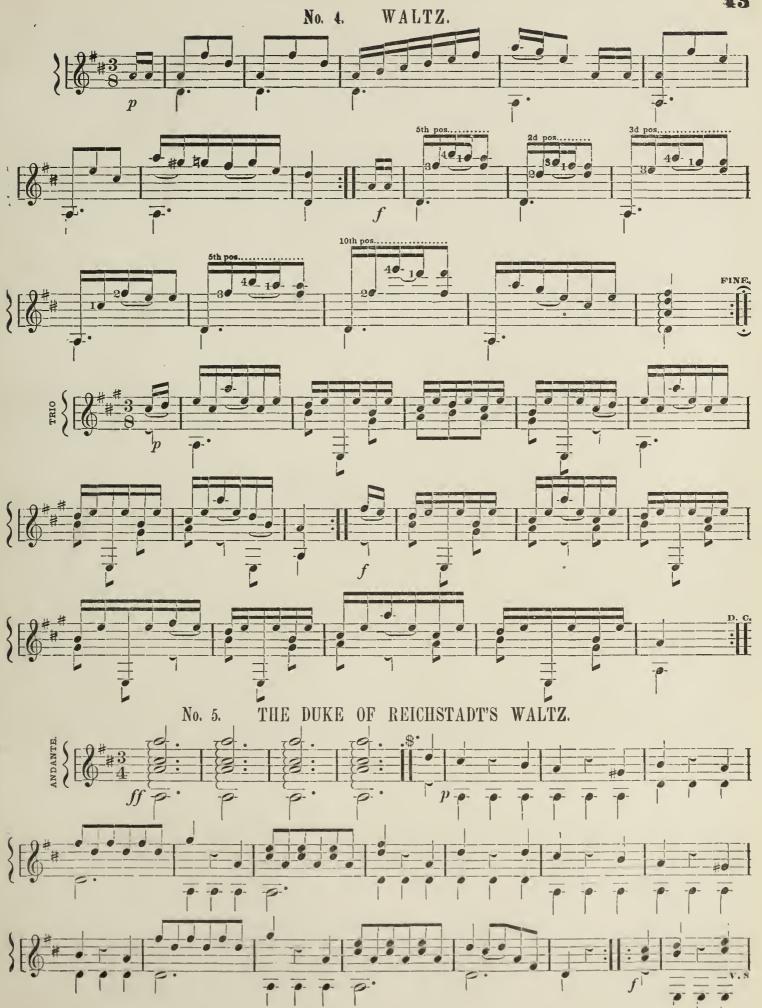


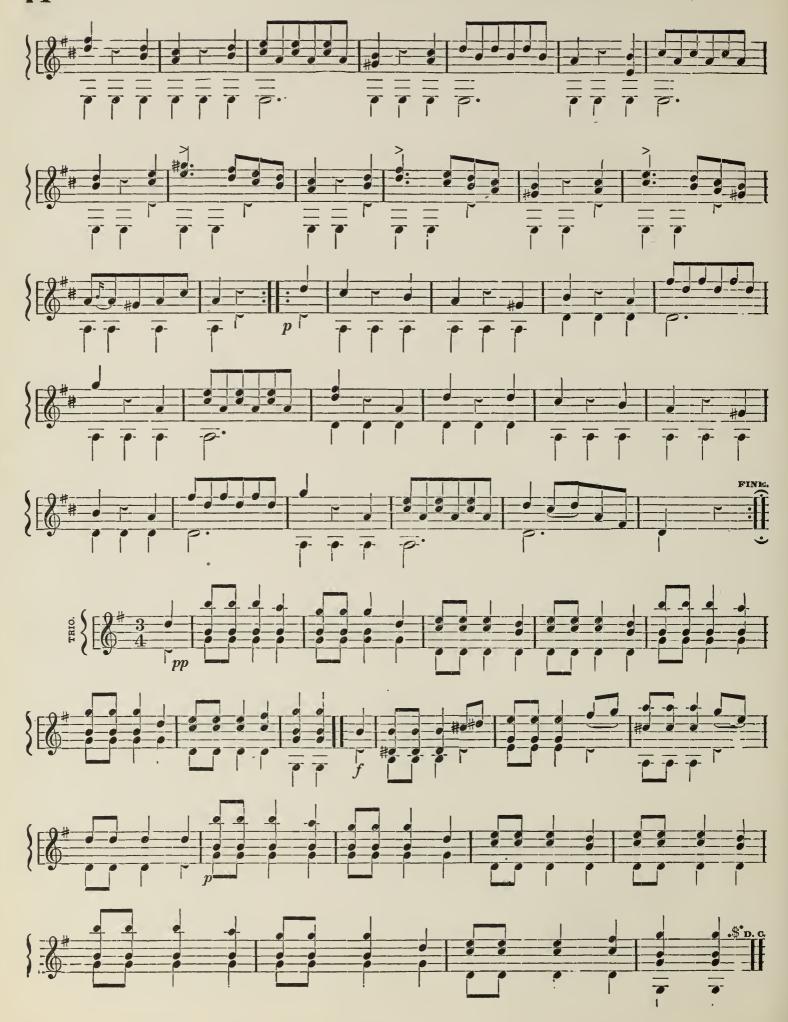








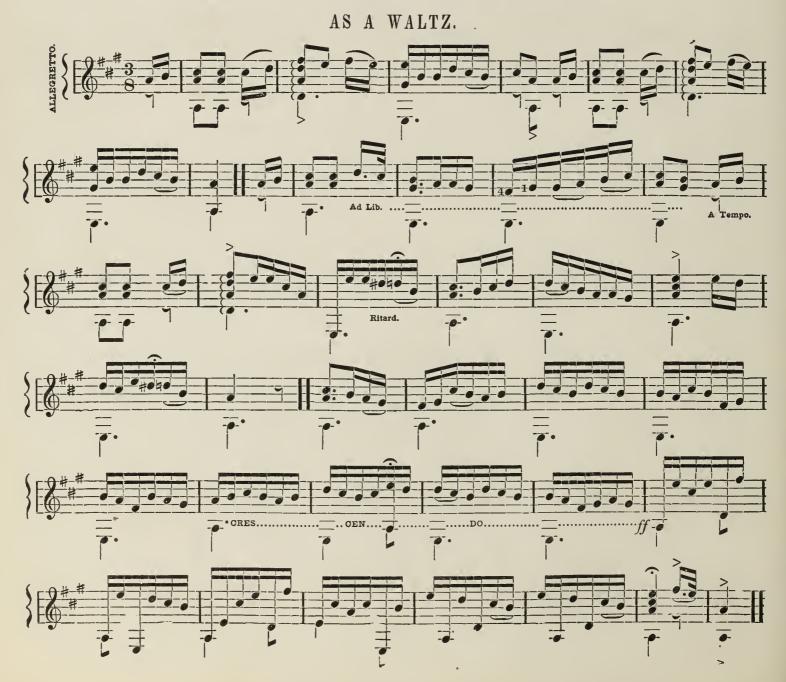


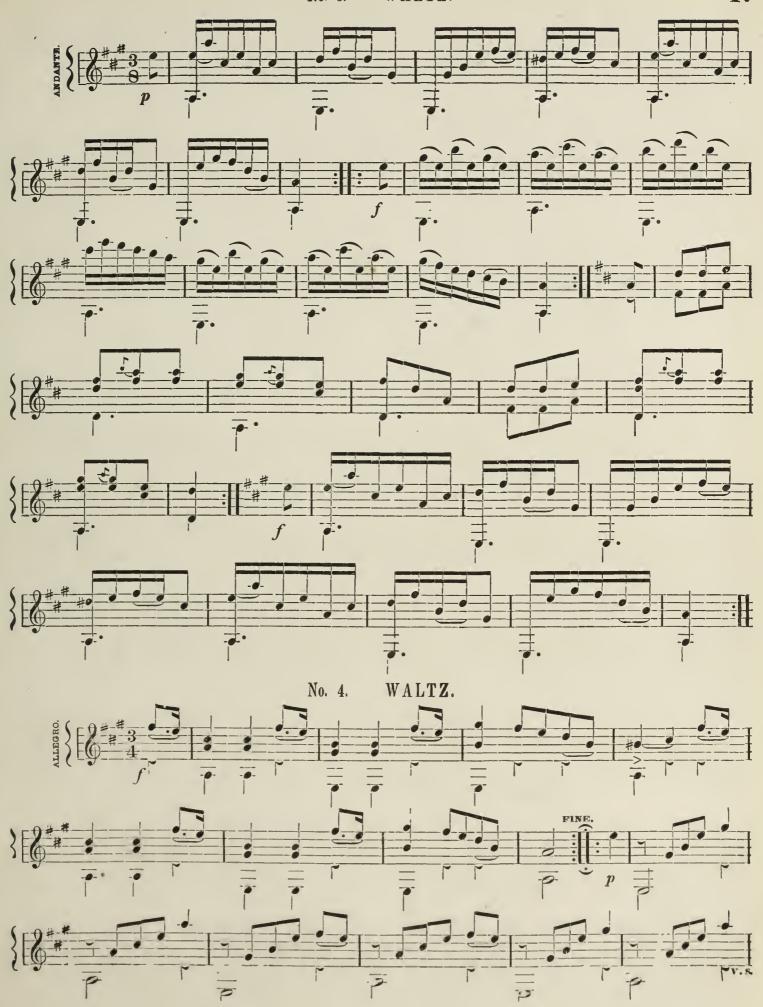


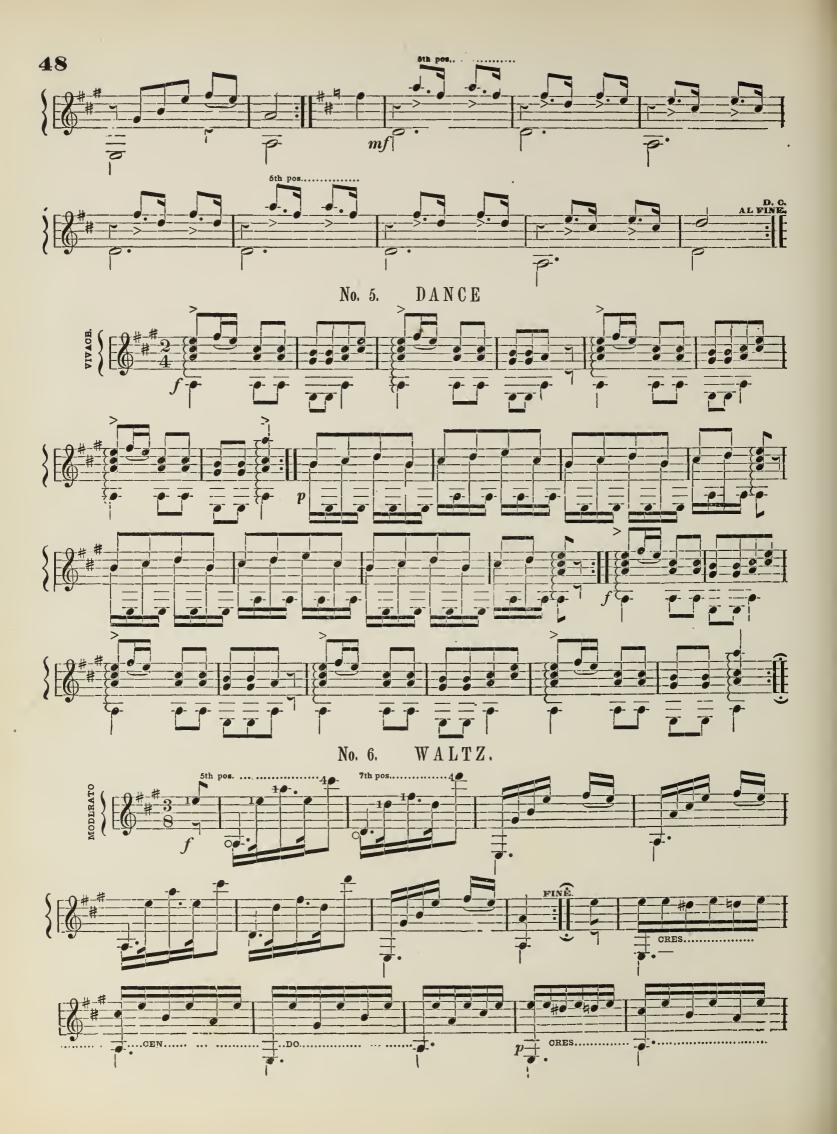


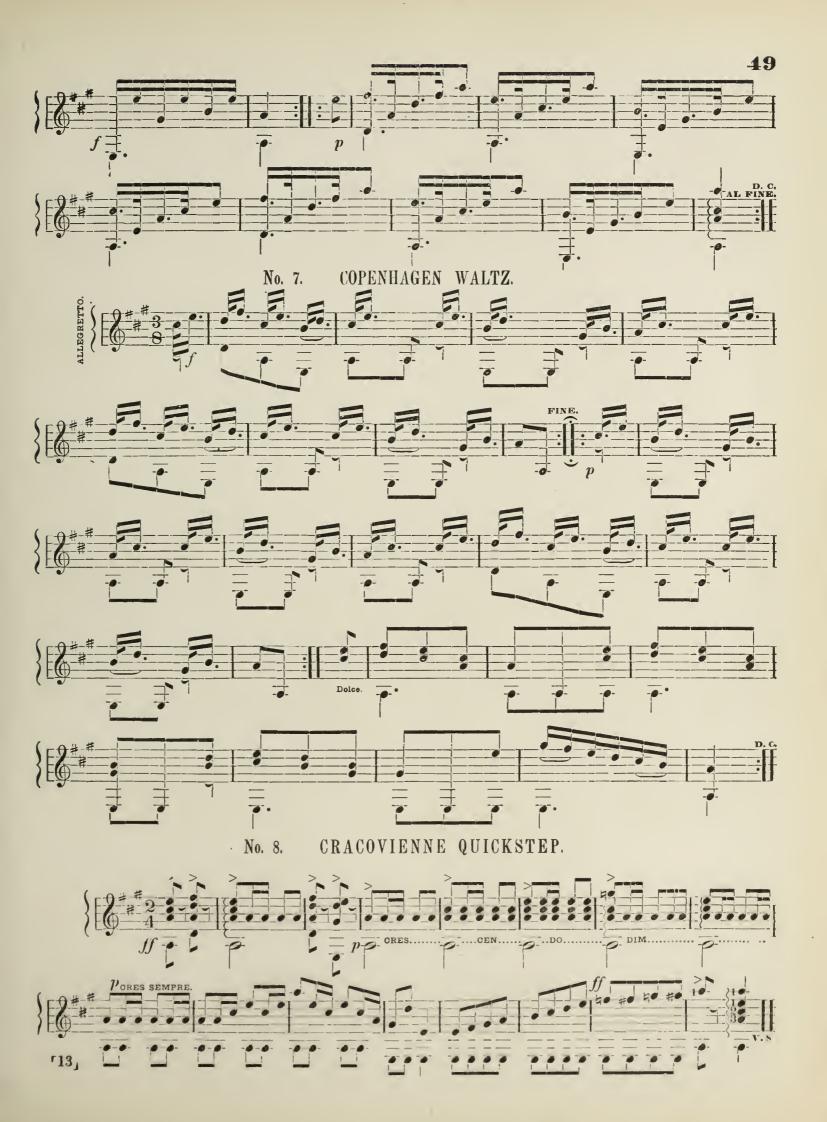


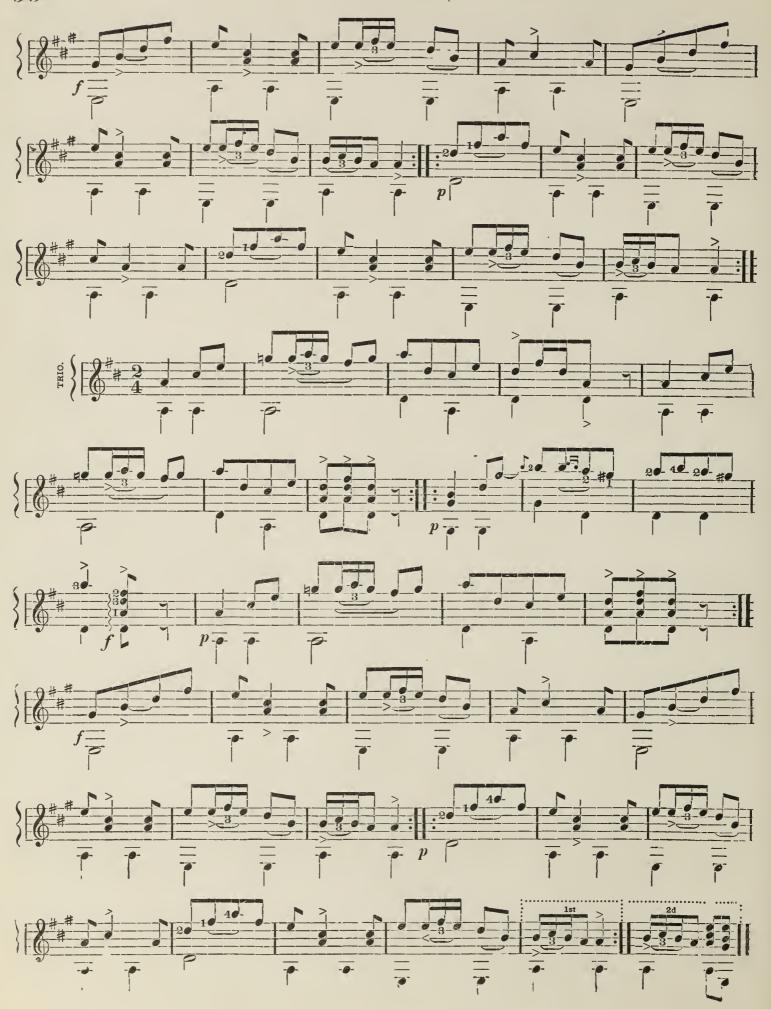
No. 2. STILL SO GENTLY O'ER ME STEALING.



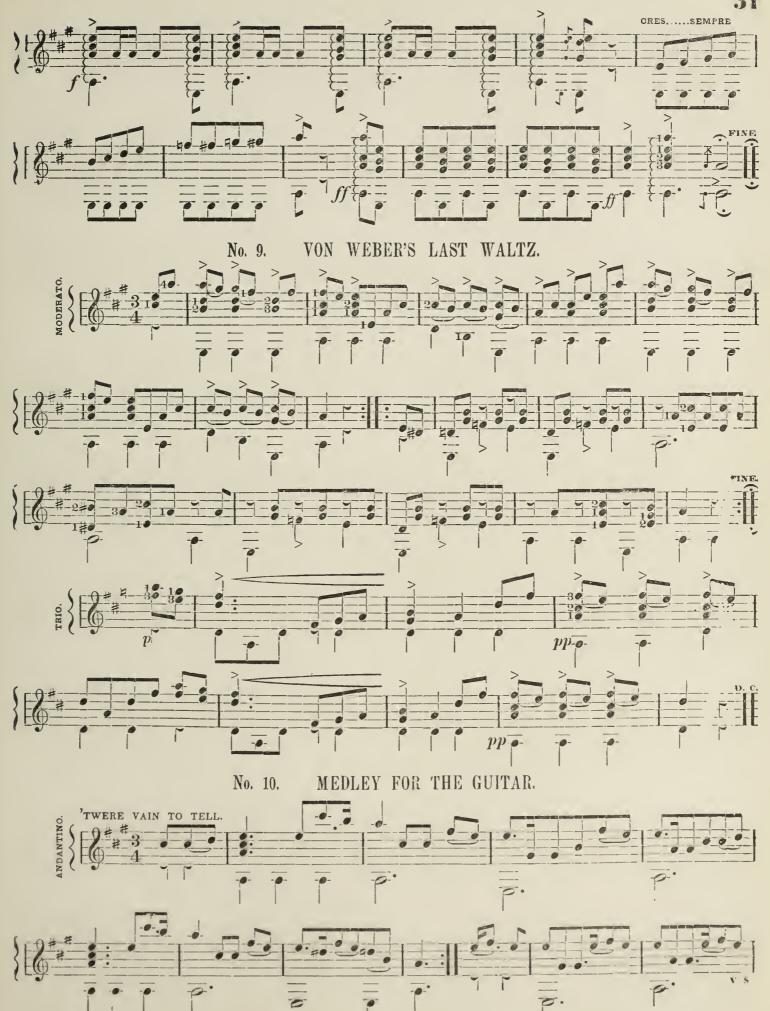


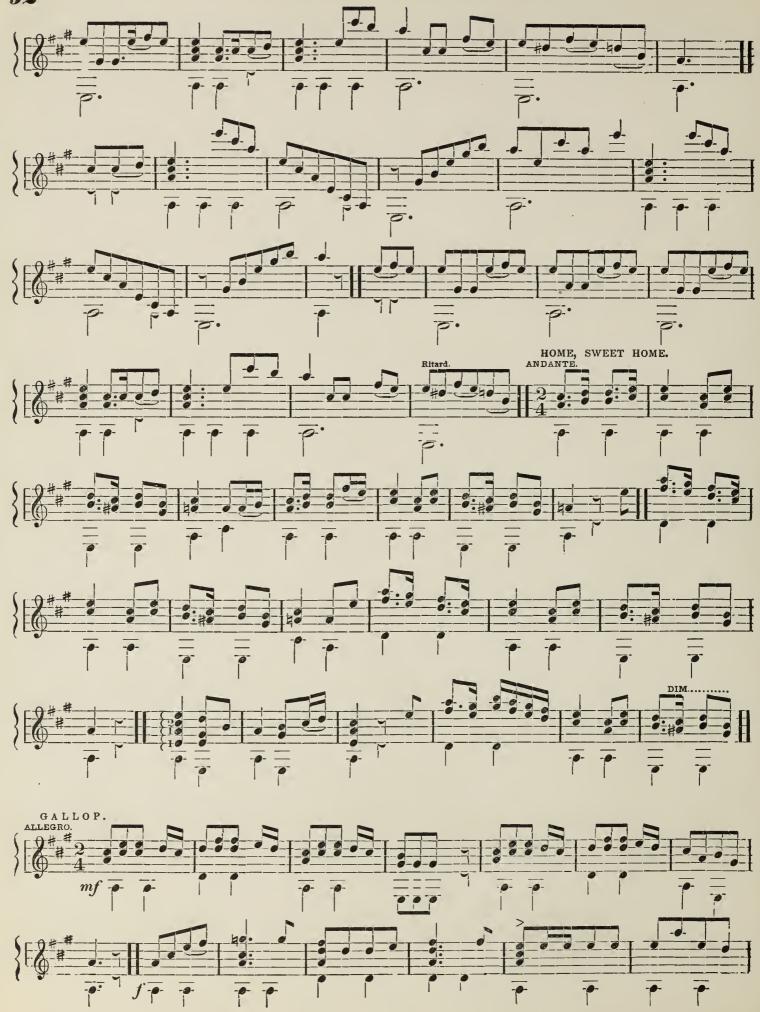


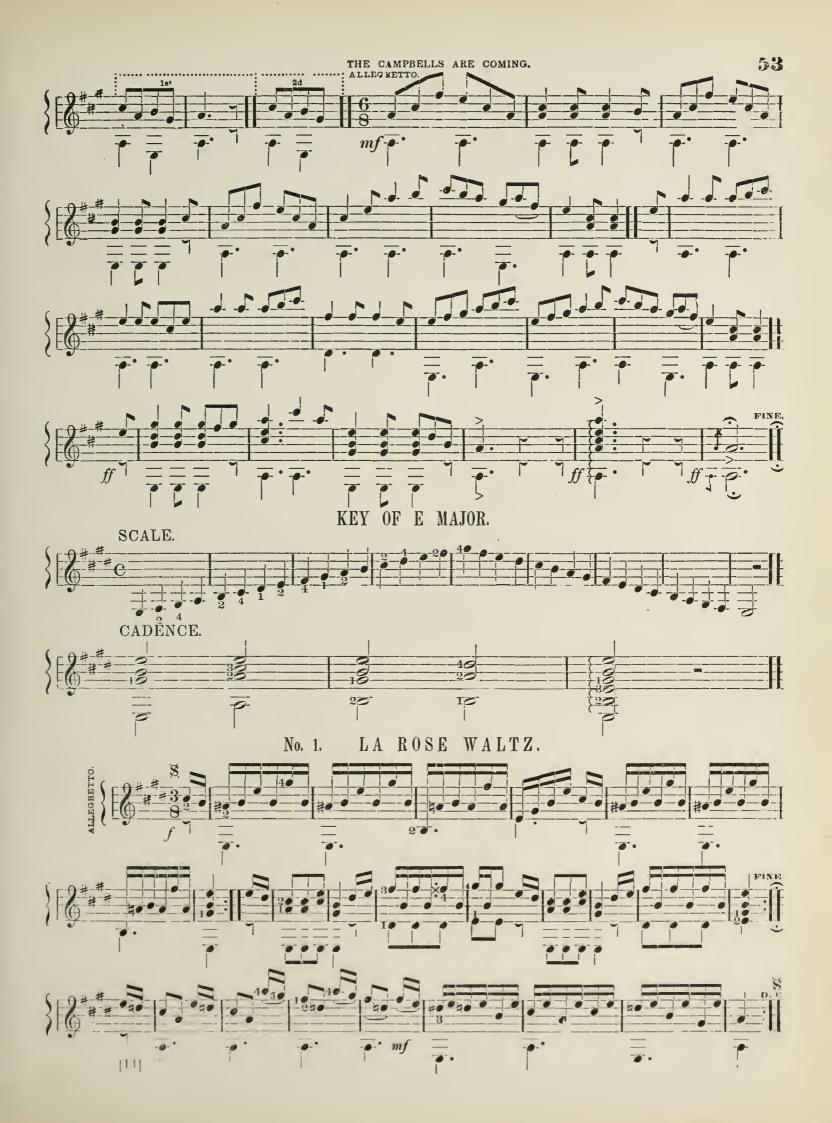








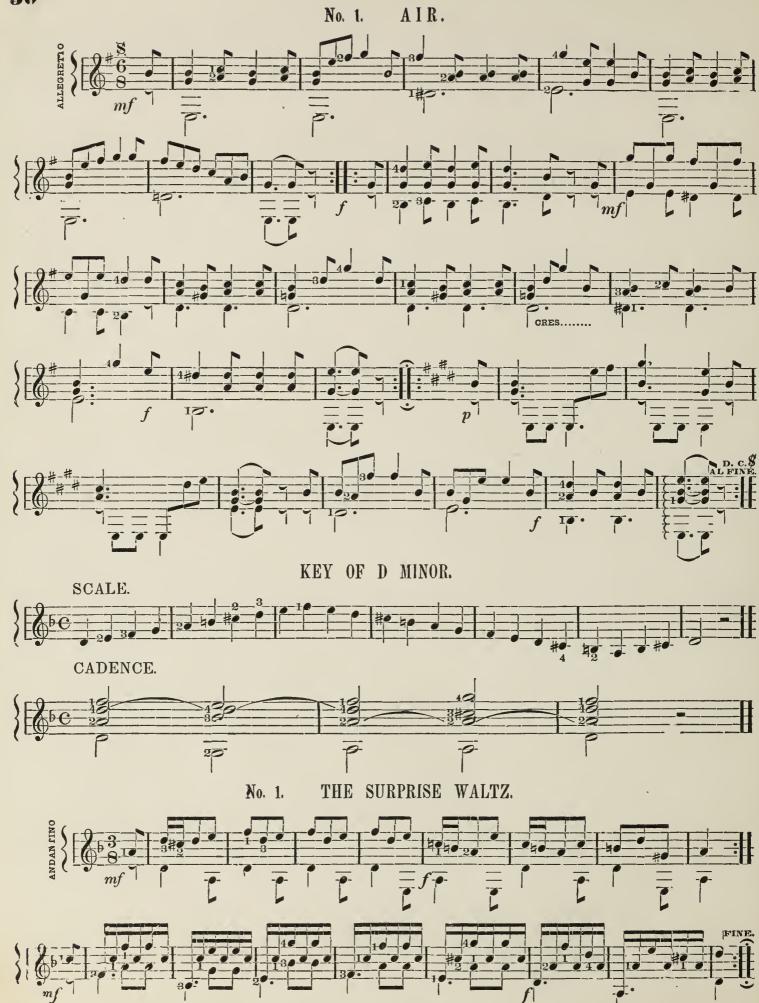




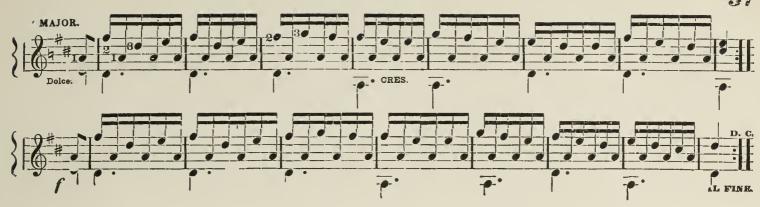












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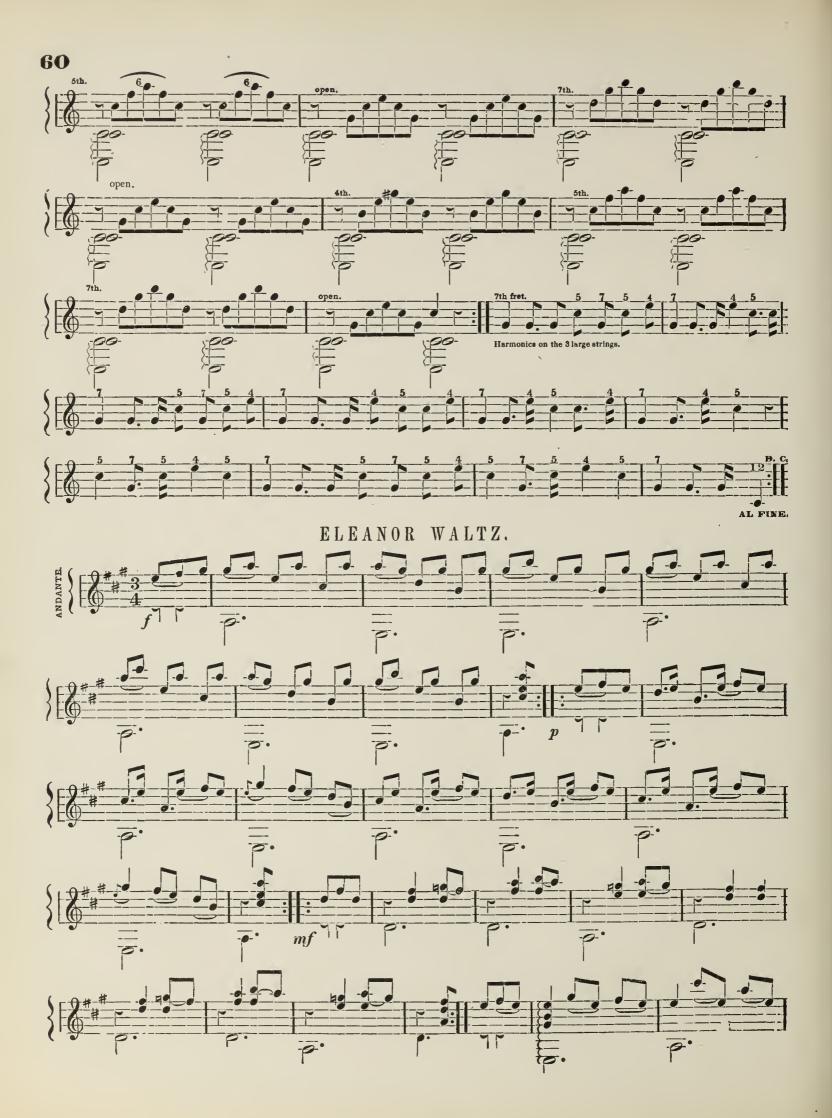


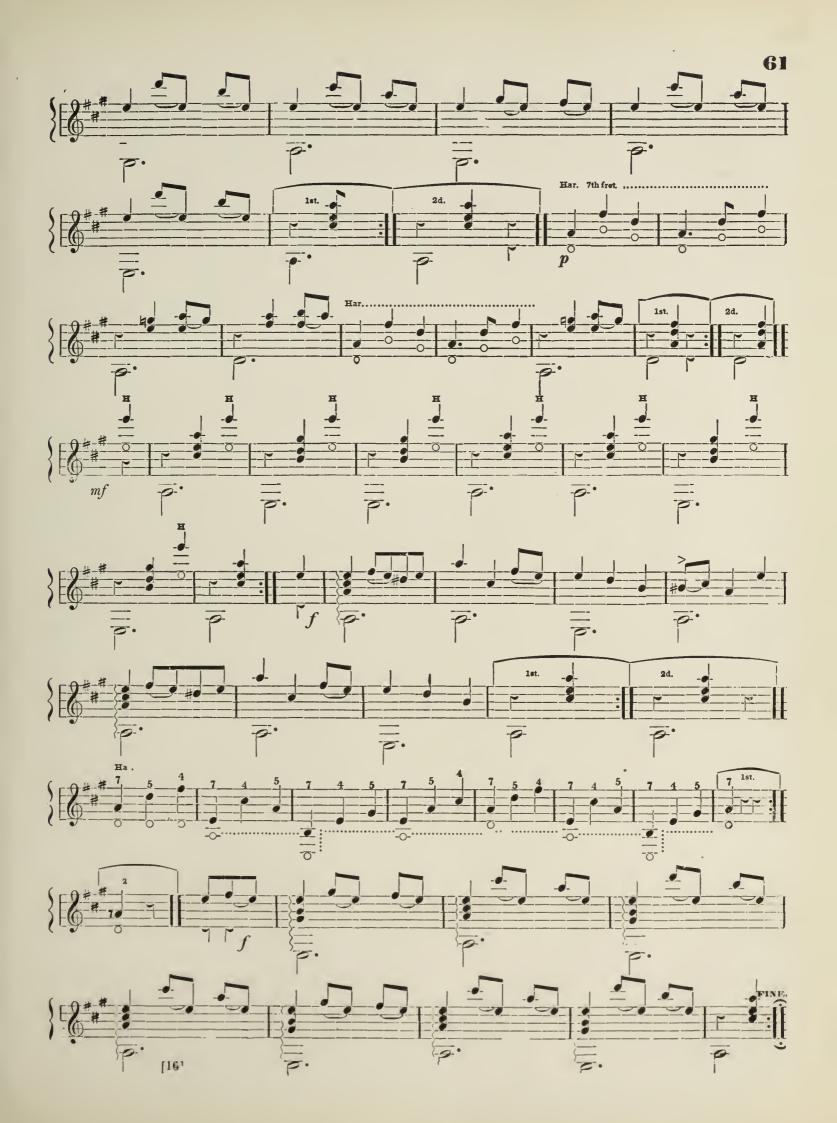




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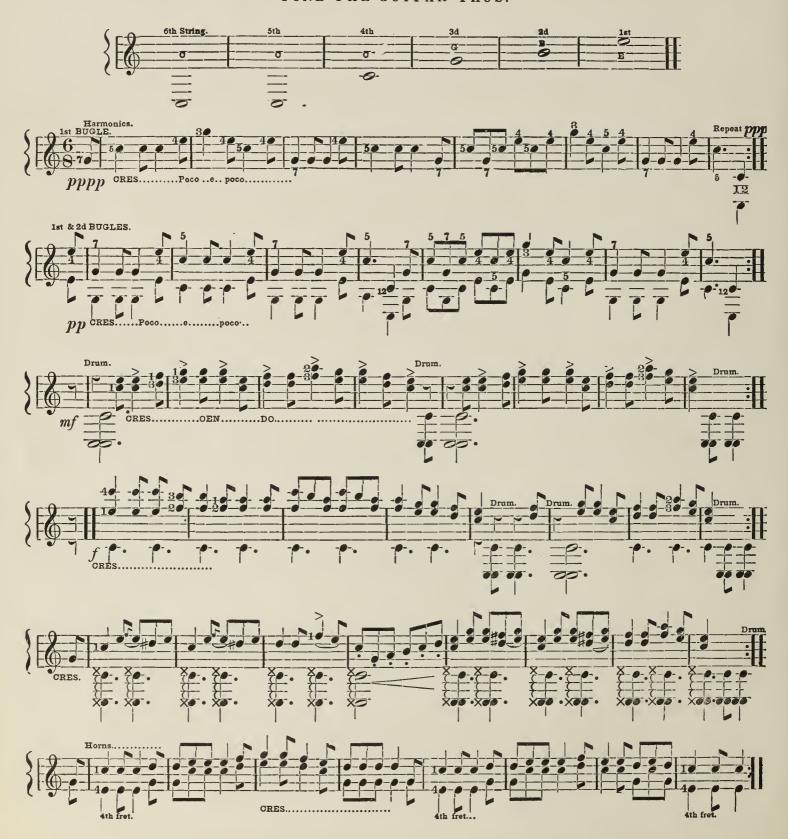


THE SPANISH RETREAT.

This piece is intended as an imitation of the advance and retreat of a military band.

N. B. The harmonics imitate Bugles, when a single note occurs, play it on the 4th string; when two, 4th and 5th three, 4th, 5th and 6th—the figures at the Har. indicate the frets. At this mark the thumb sweeps the strings from the 6th At this mark (the first sweeps the 1st, 2d and 3d strings.

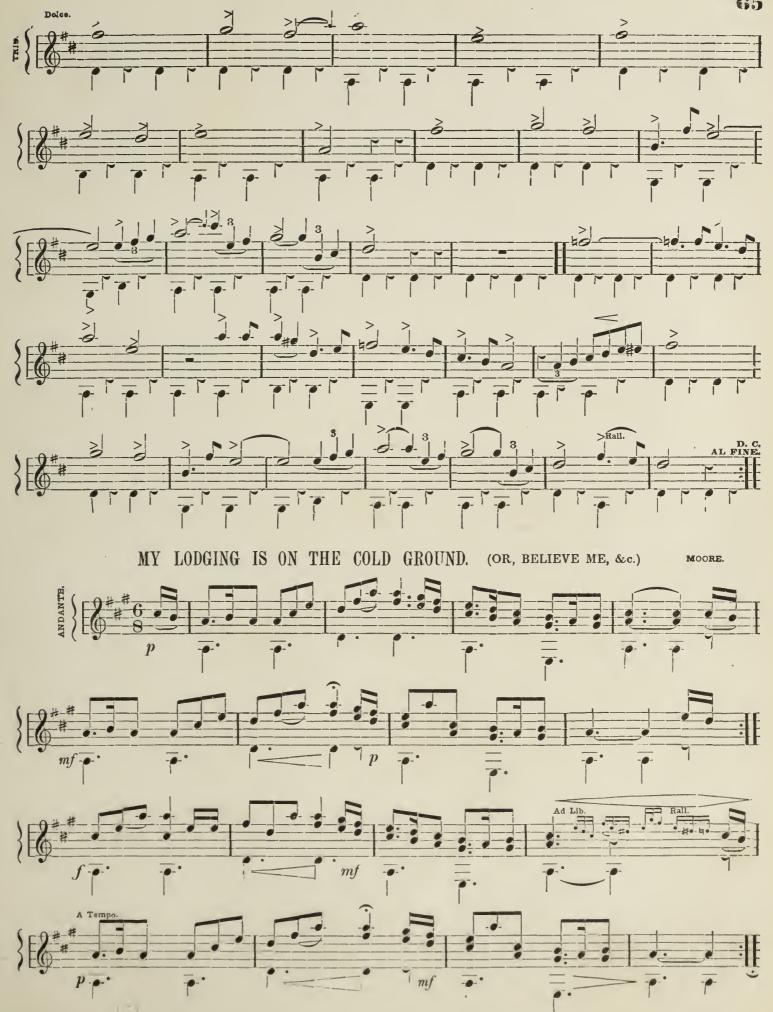
TUNE THE GUITAR THUS:

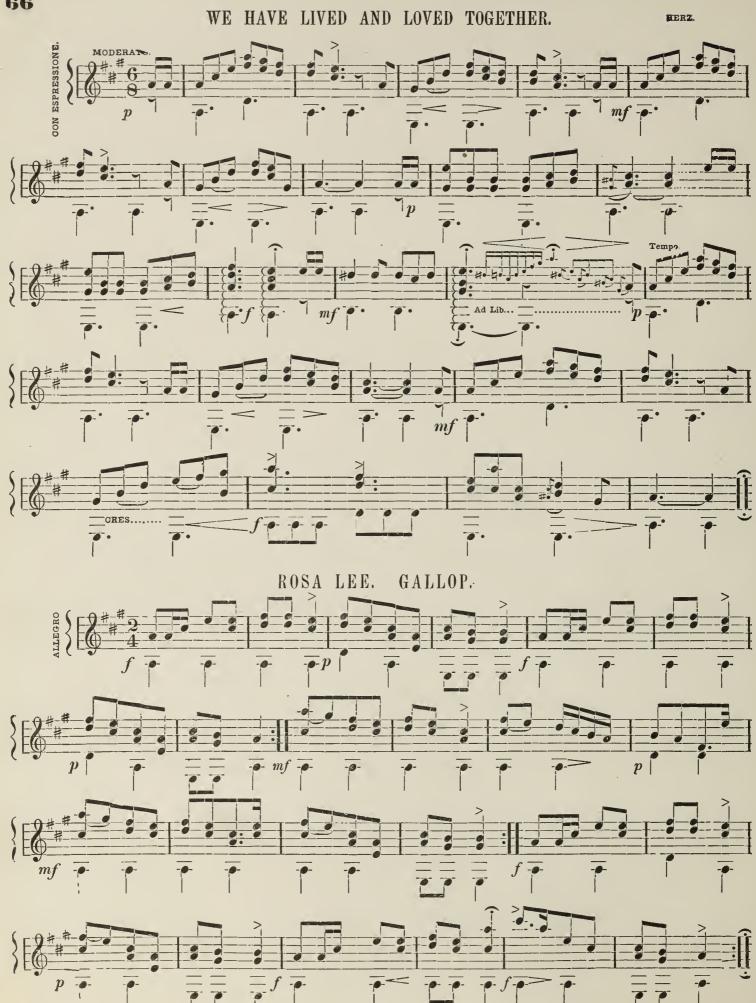




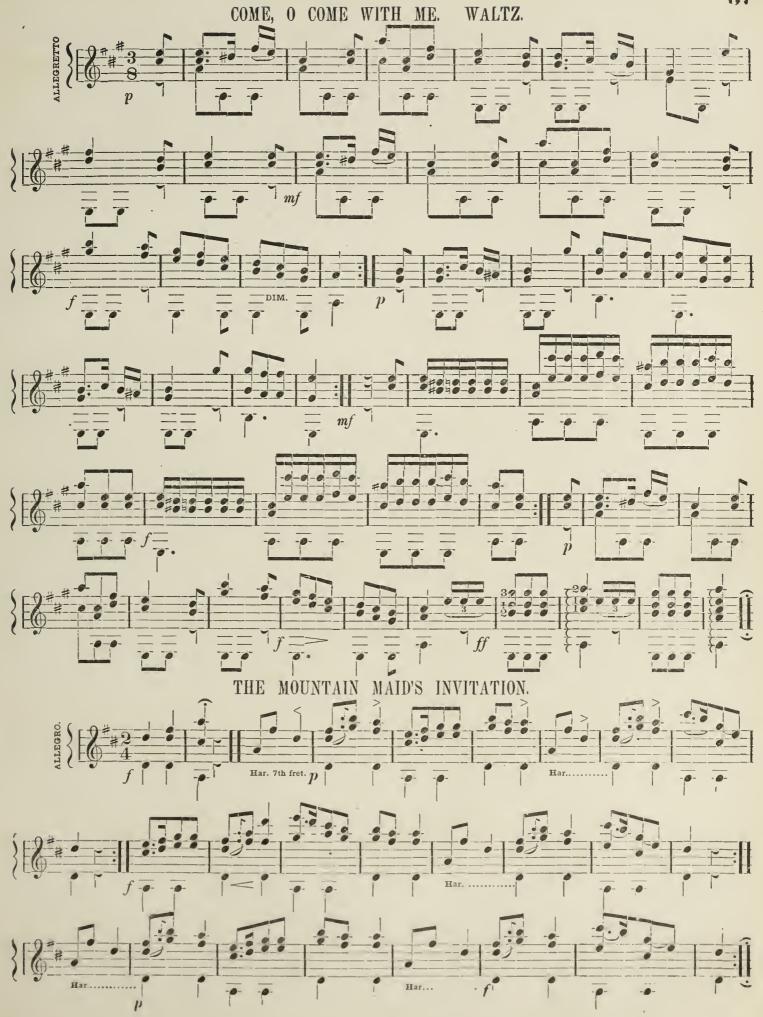
All the quarter notes in this strain to be played by gliding the thumb across the six strings. All the eighth notes by drawing the first lack across the three treble strings

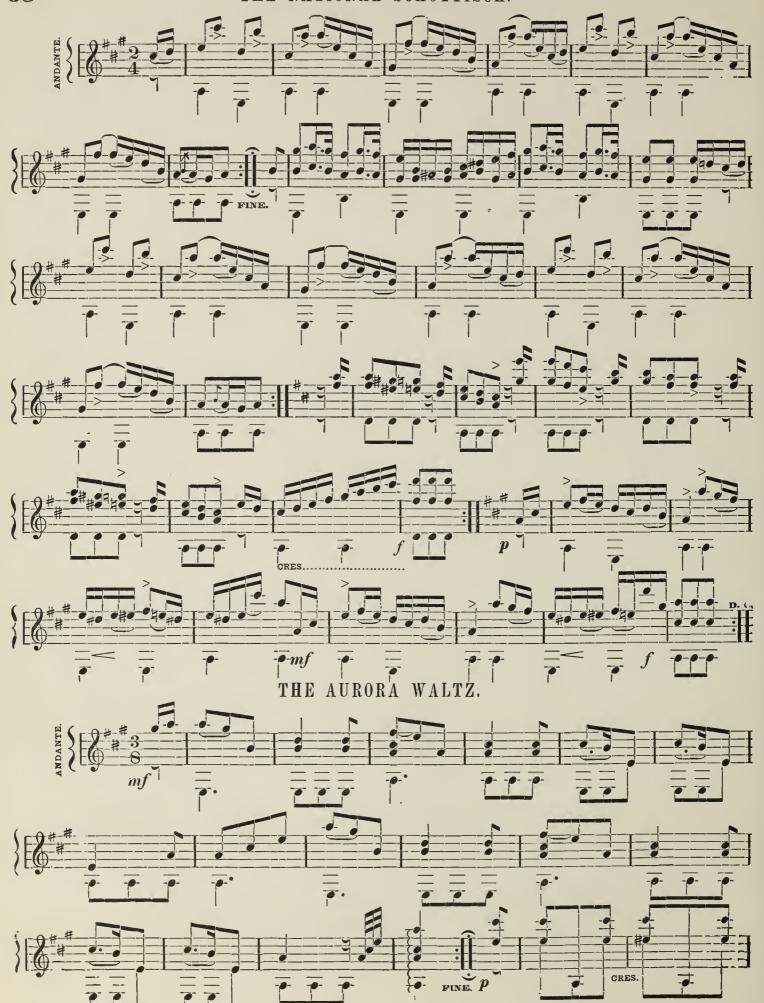




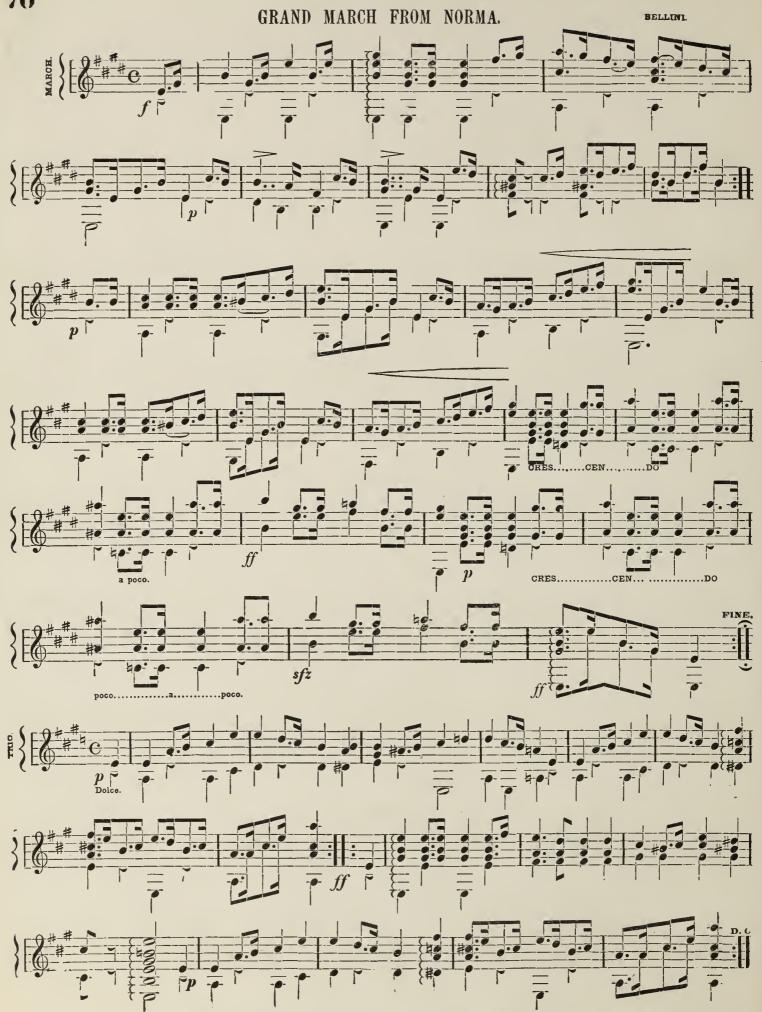


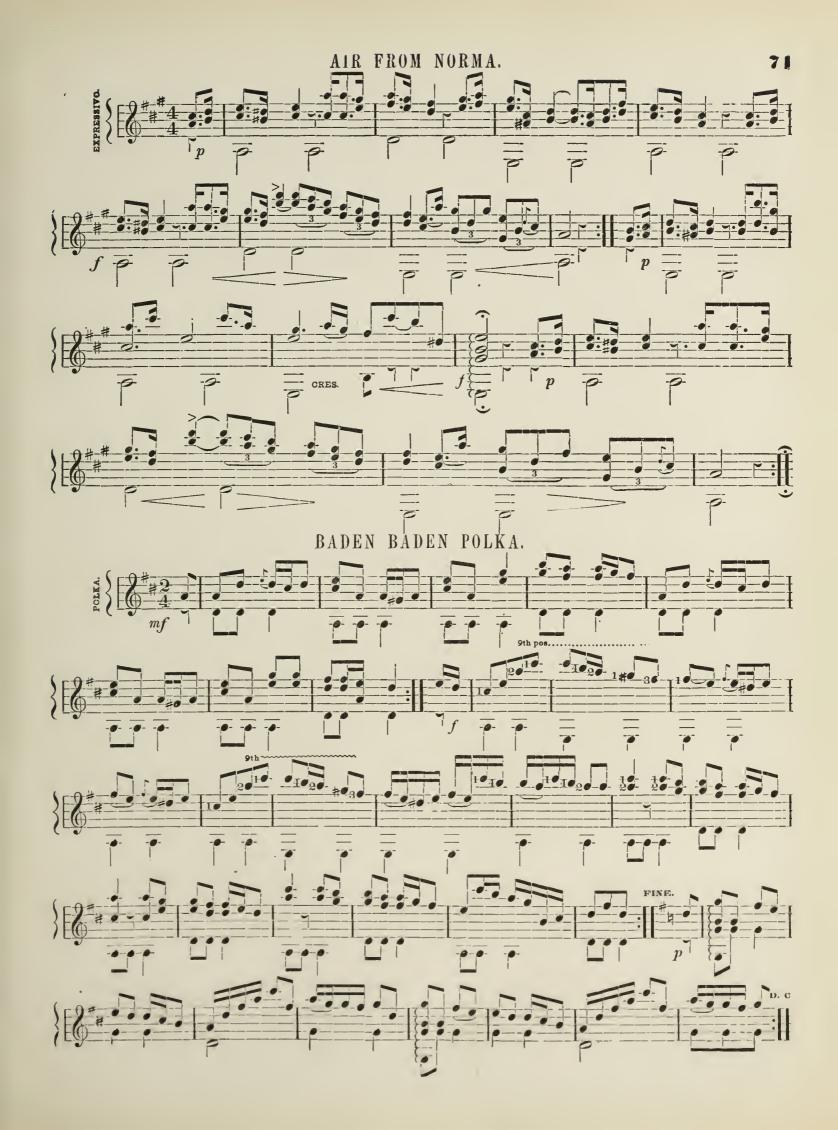


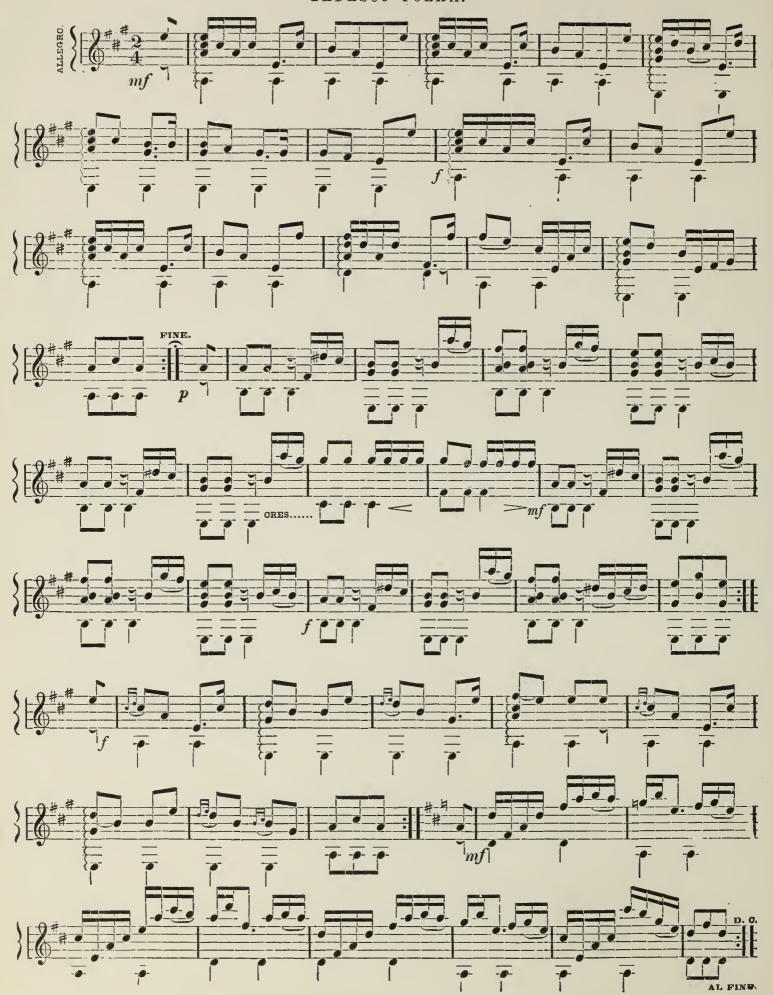




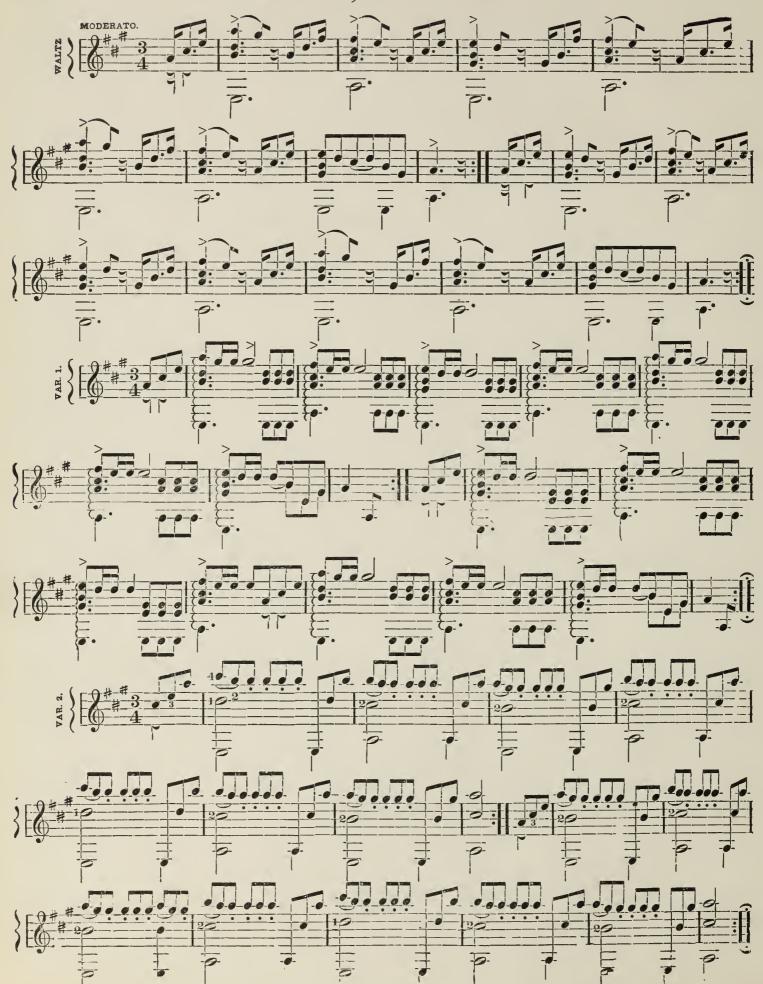




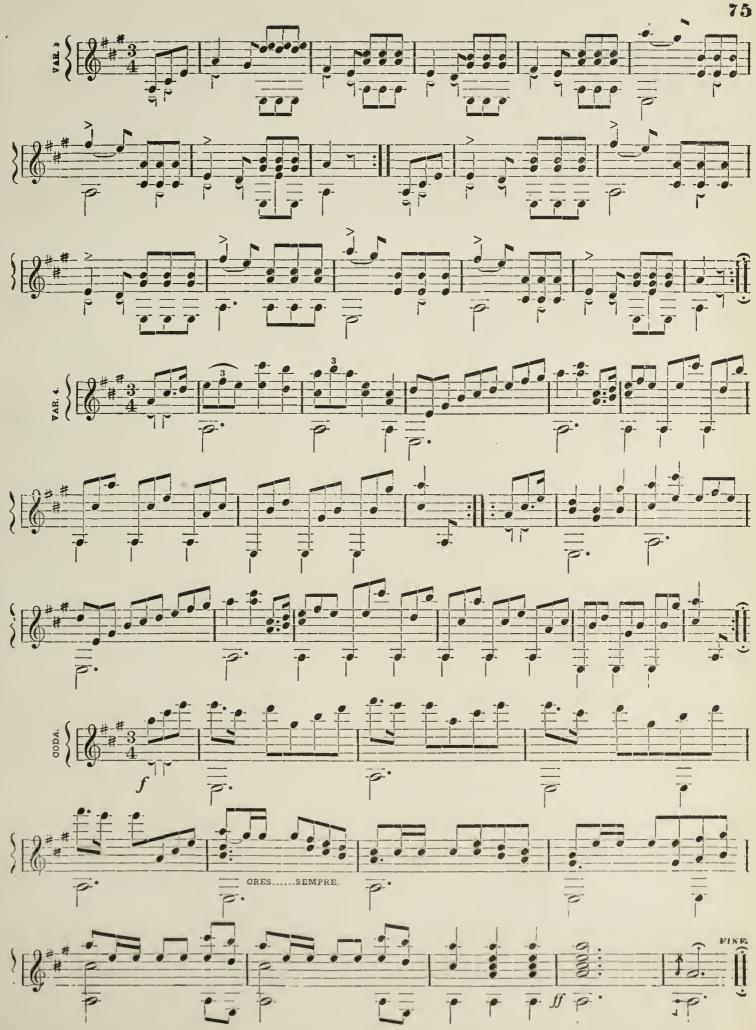


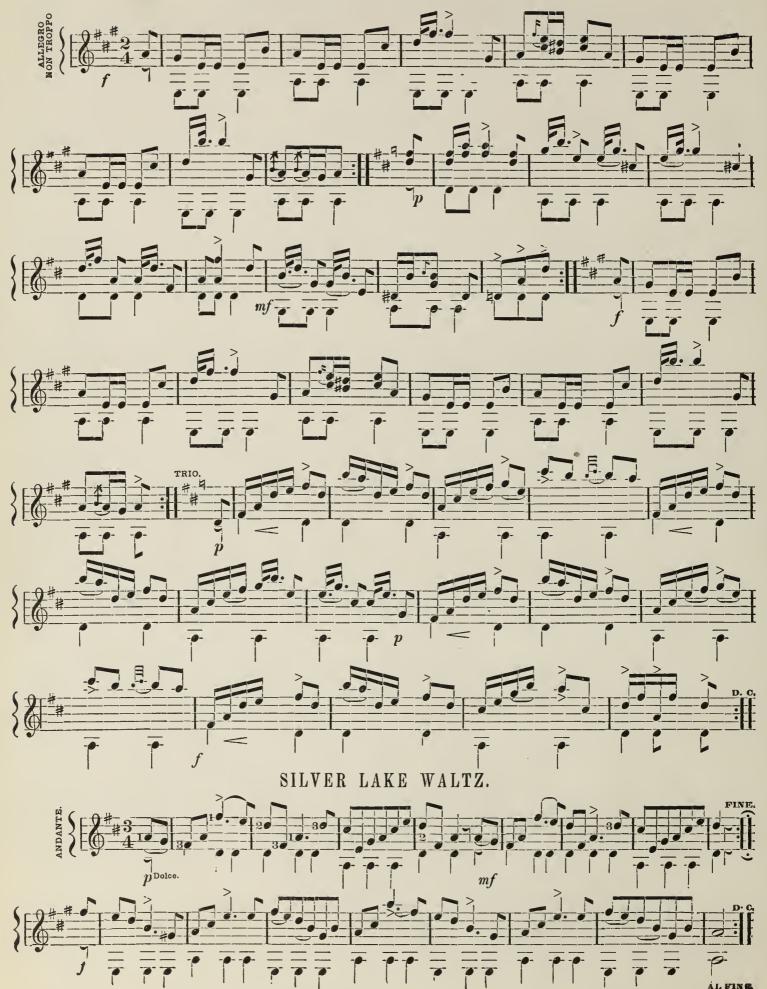




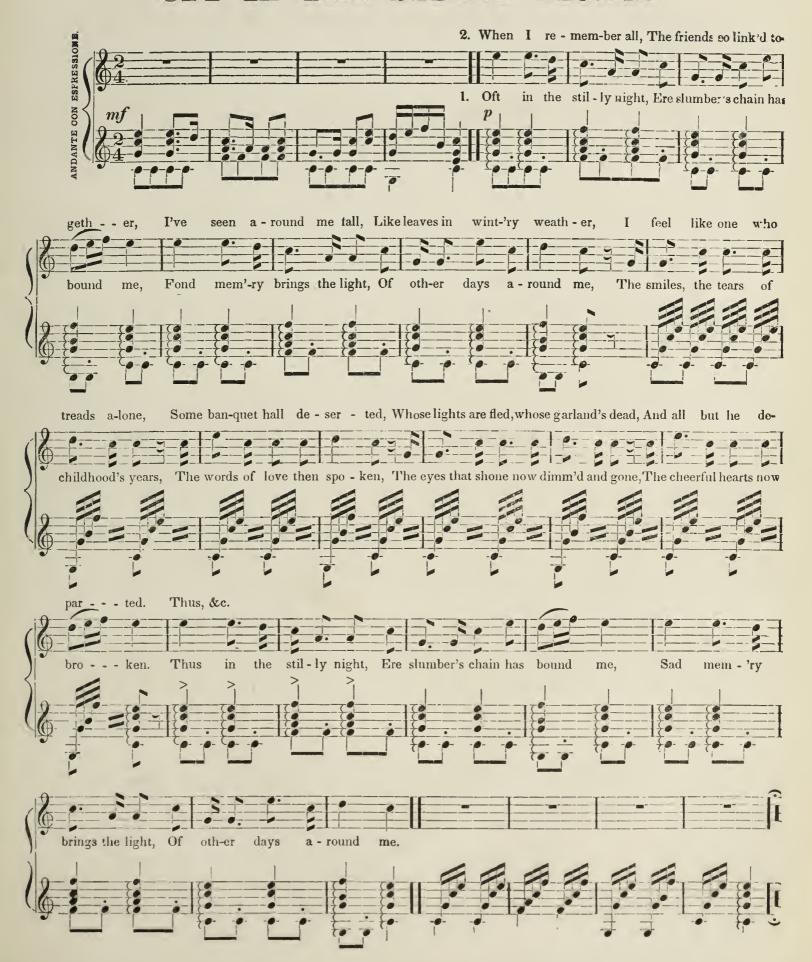




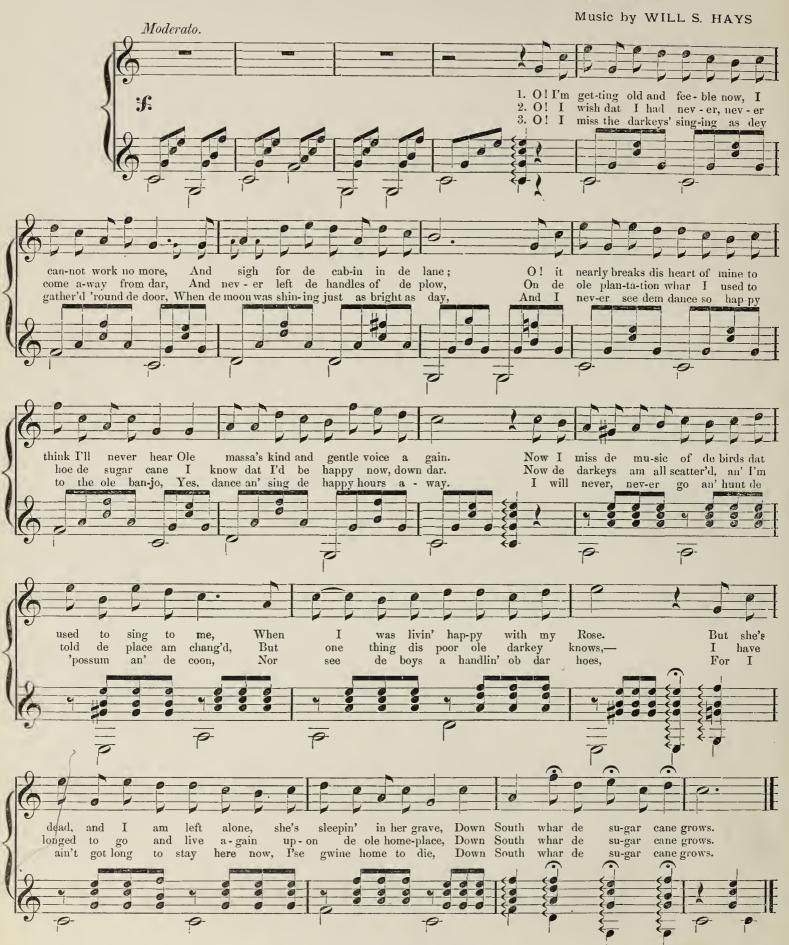




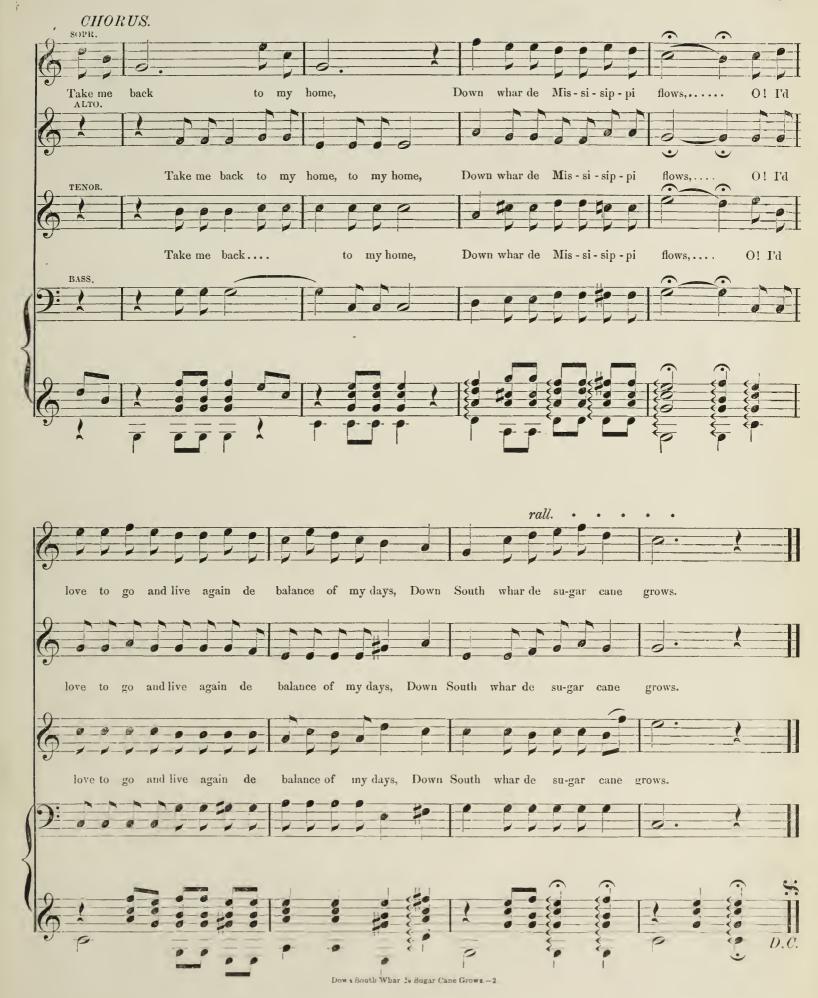
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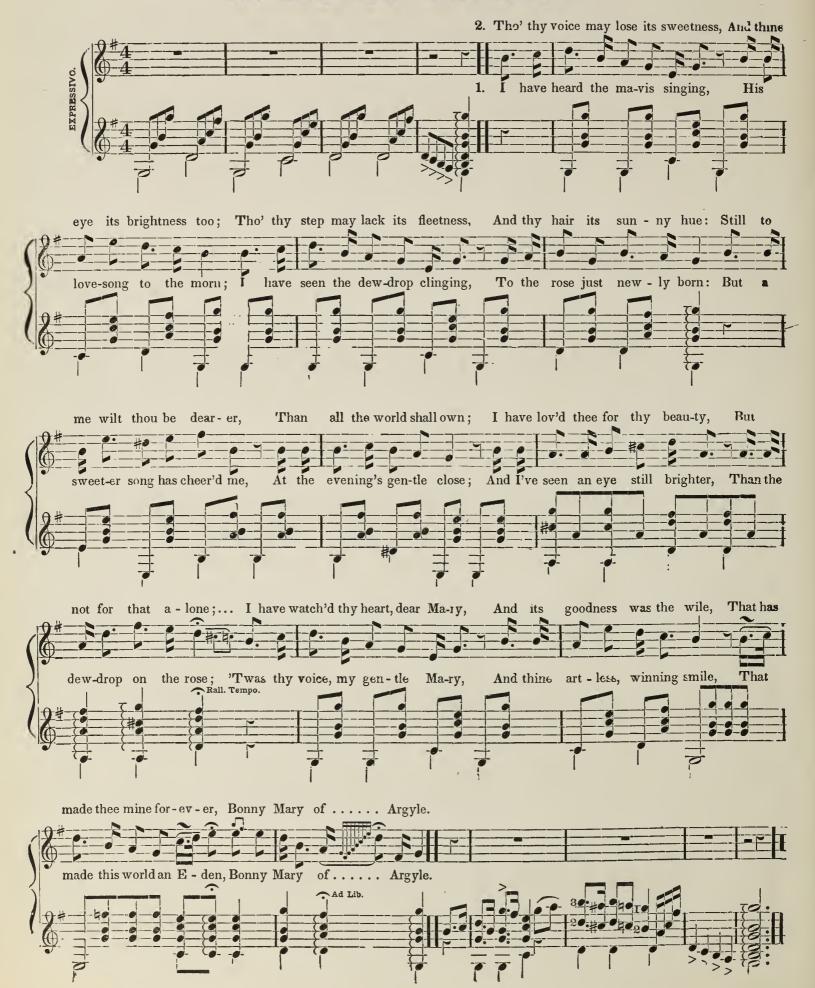
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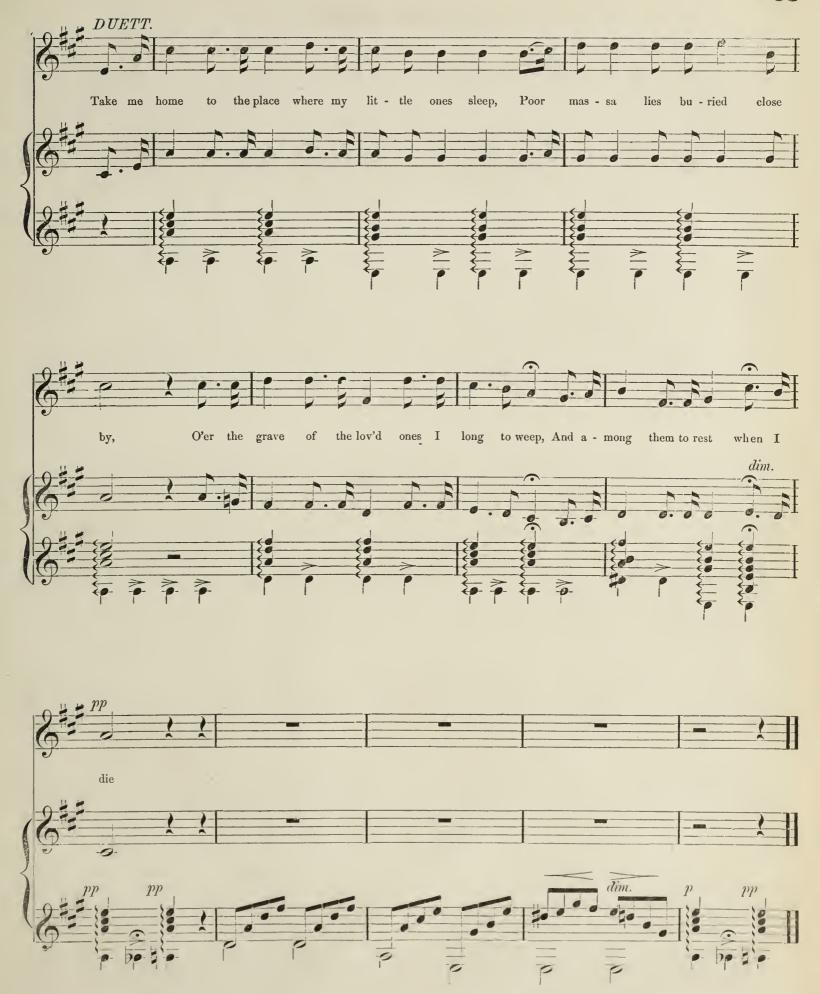


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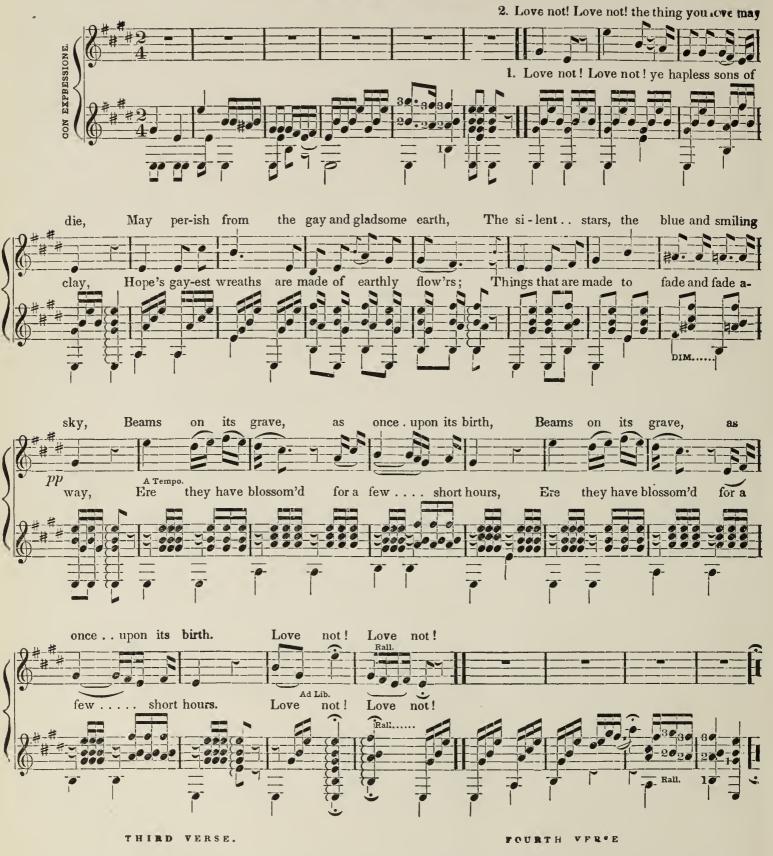




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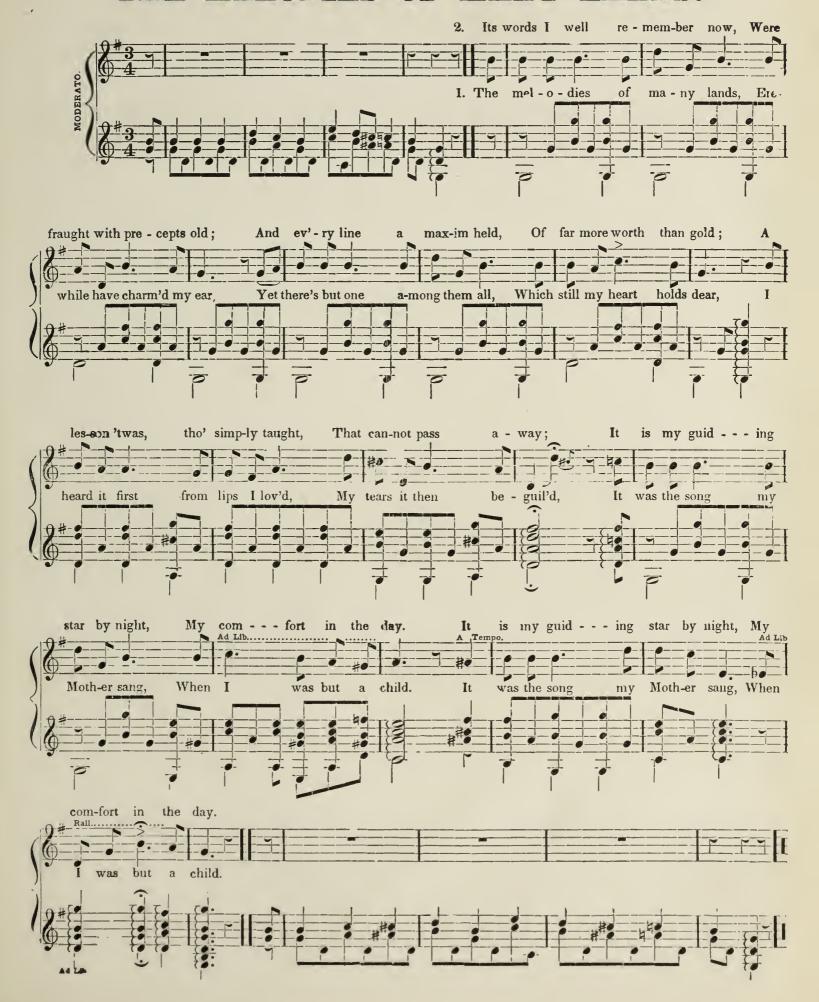
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Love not! Love not! the thing you love may change,
The rosy lip may cease to smile on you,
The kindly beaming eye grow cold and strange,:
The heart still warmly beat, yet not be true.
Love not! Love not!

Love not! Love not! oh warning vainly said,
In present hours, as in years gone by:
||:Love flings a halo round the dear one's head,:||
||:Faultless, immortal, till they change or die. :||
Love not! Love not!

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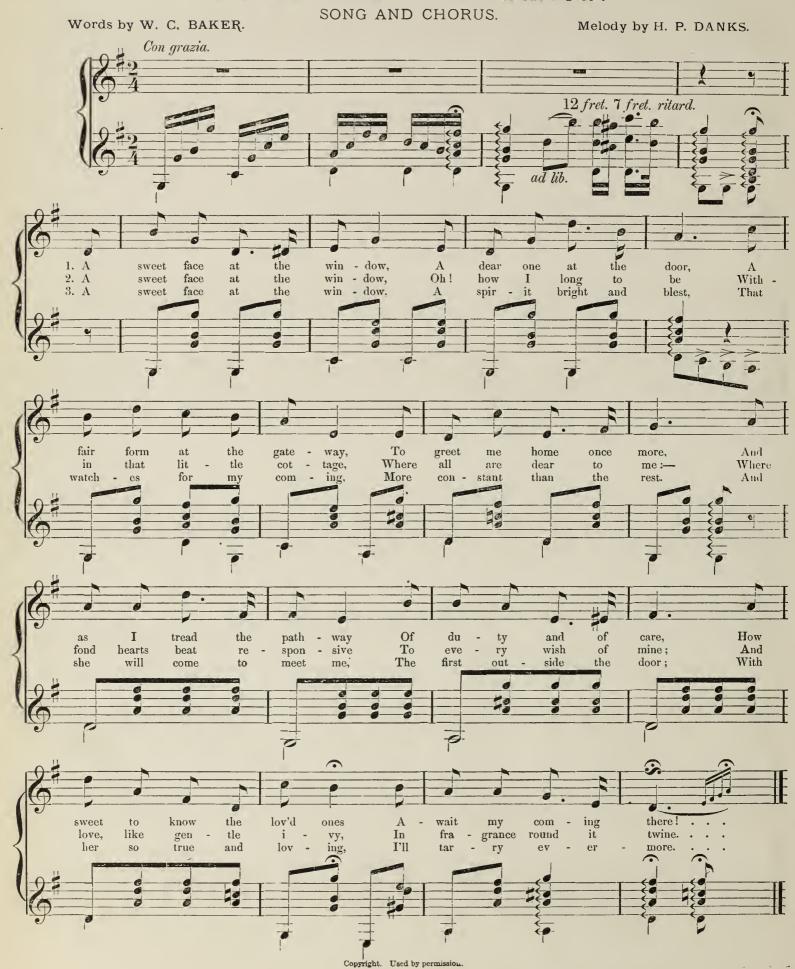


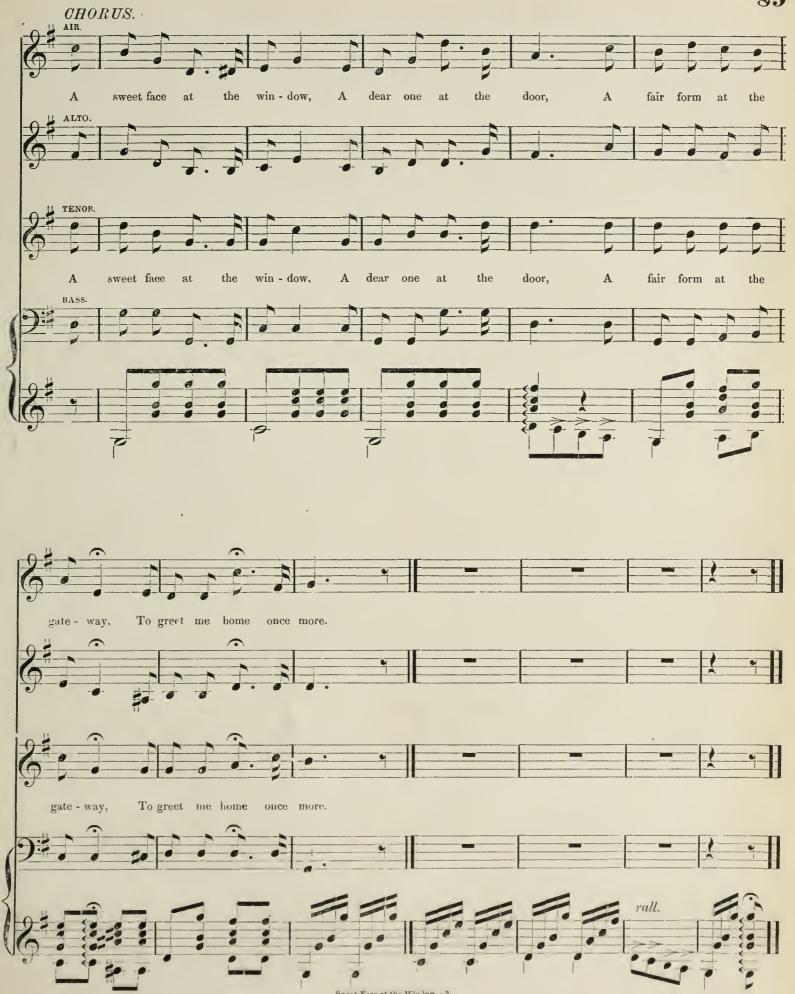
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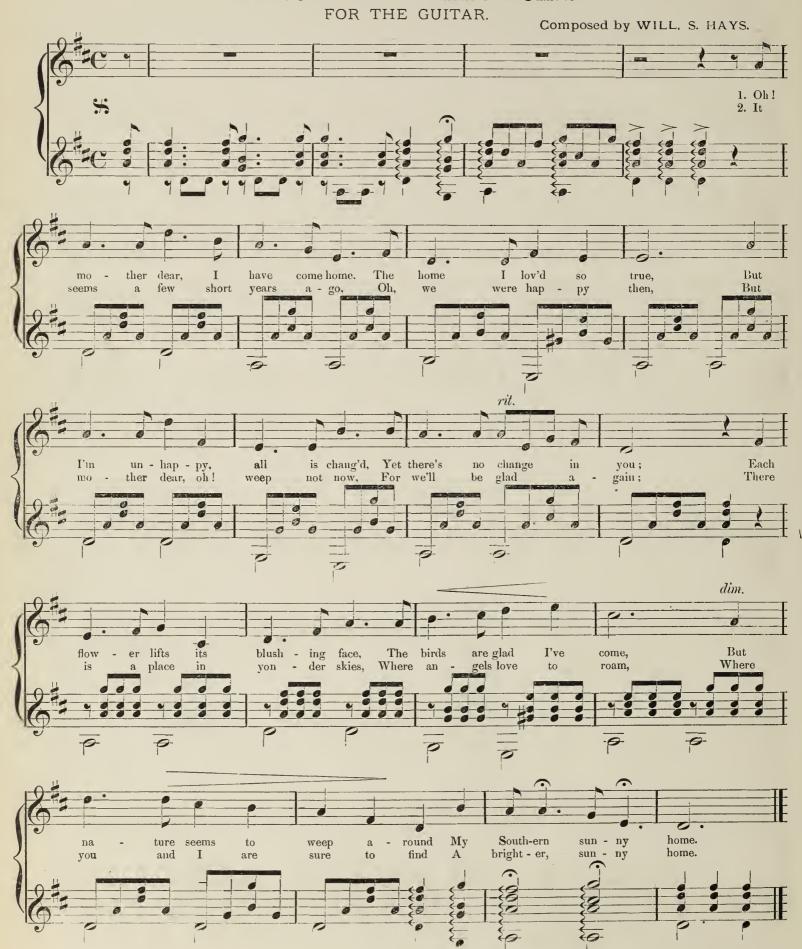


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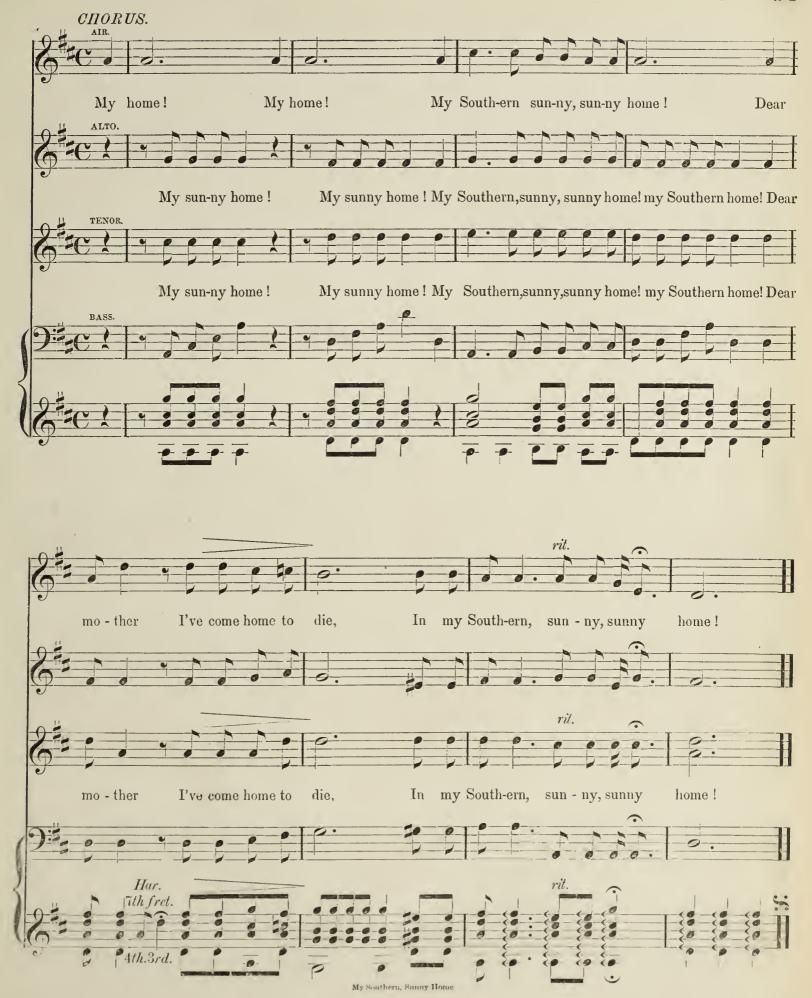




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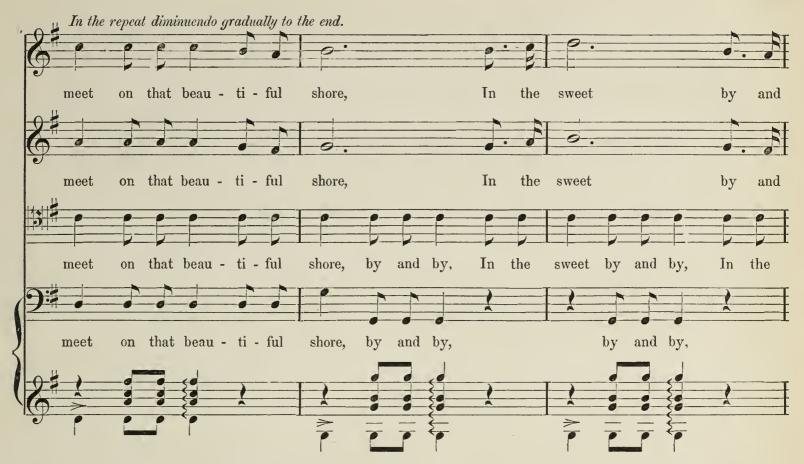


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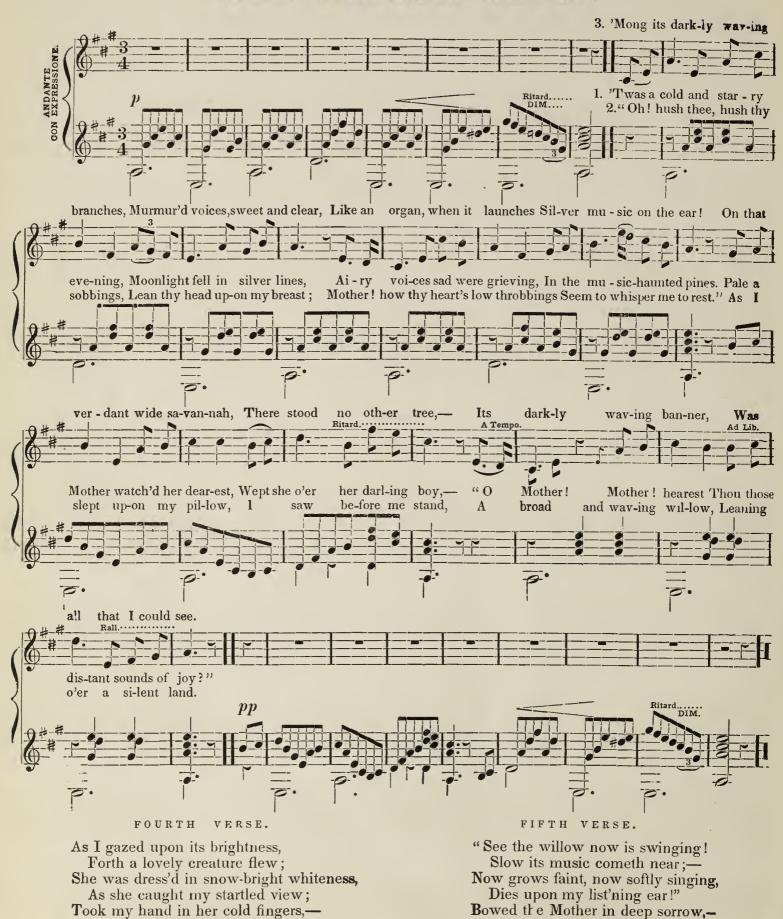
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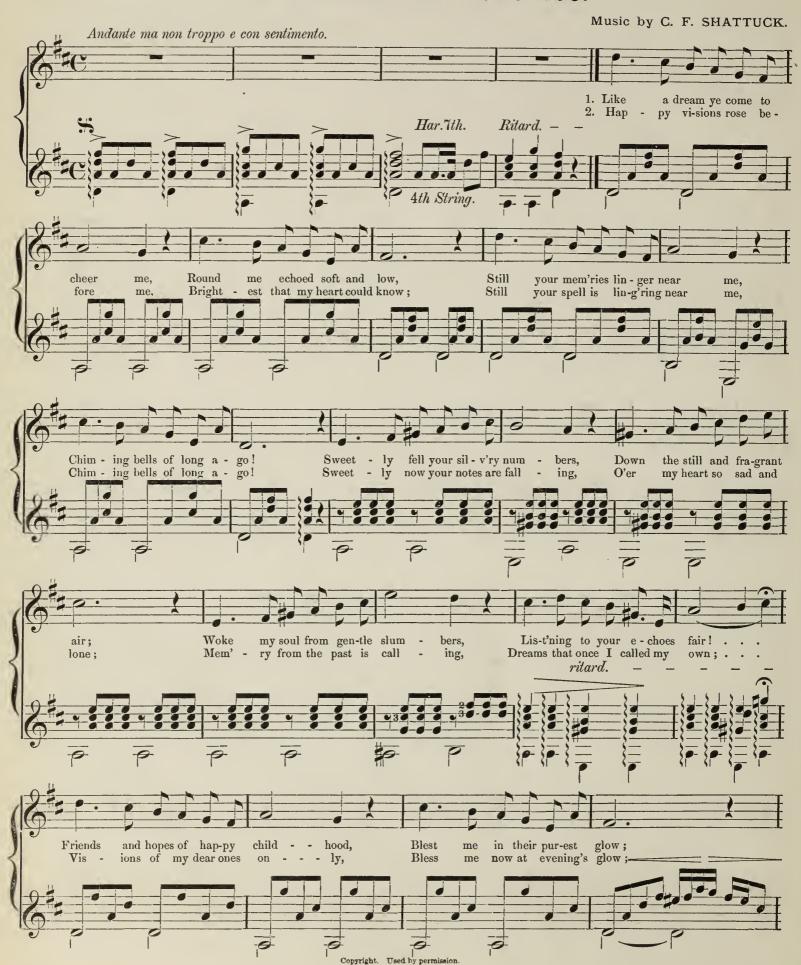
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Fell her tears like April rain; Sadly drooped she on the morrow, For the child ne'er spake again

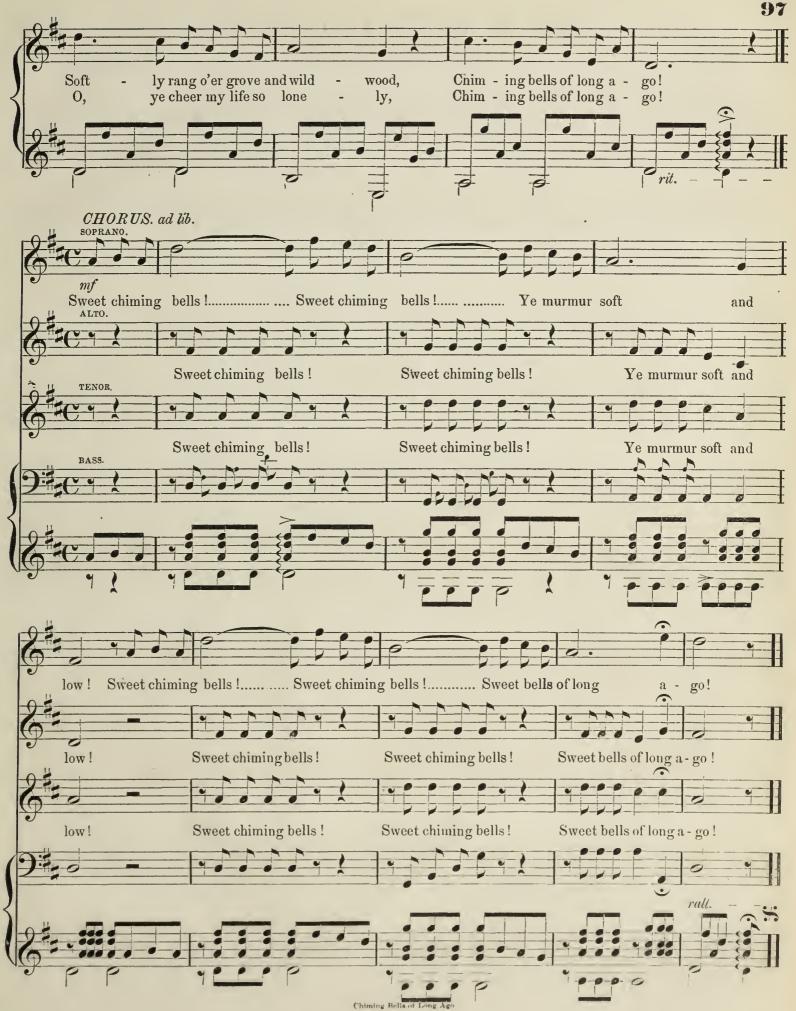
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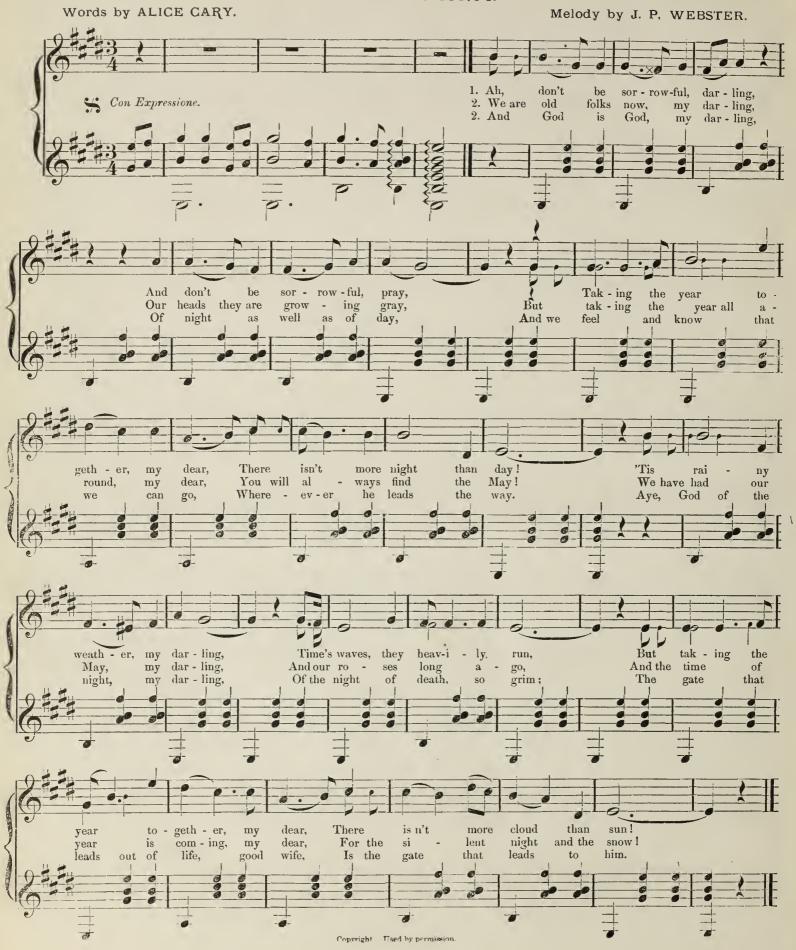


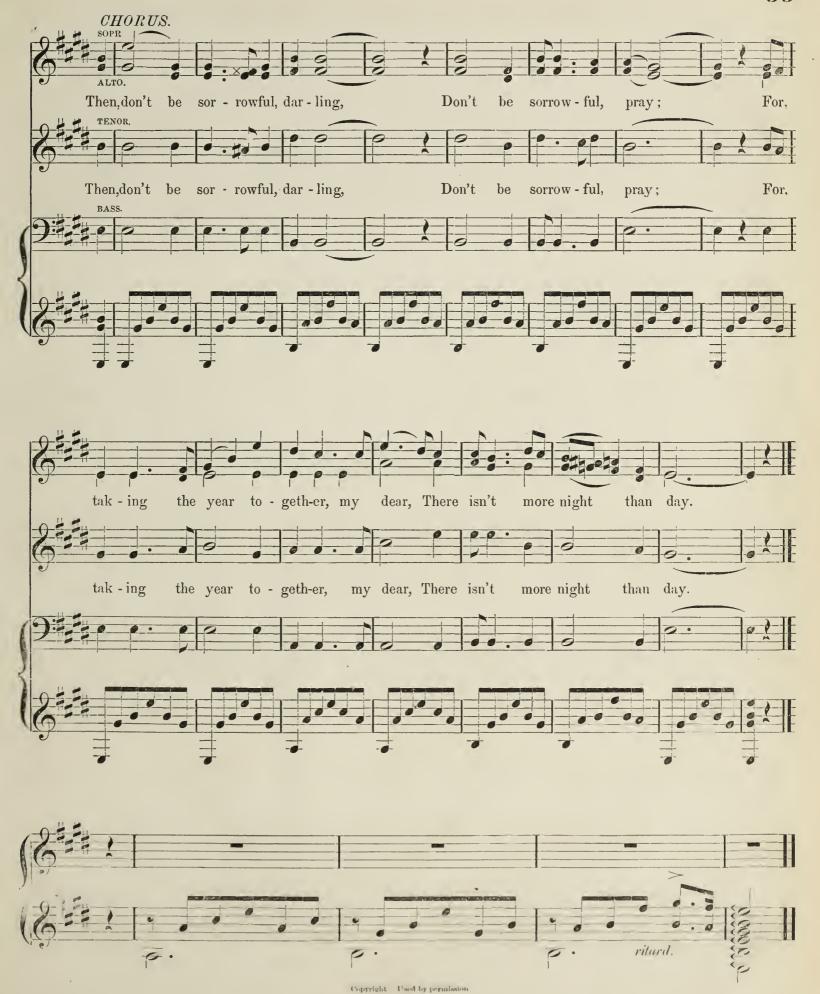




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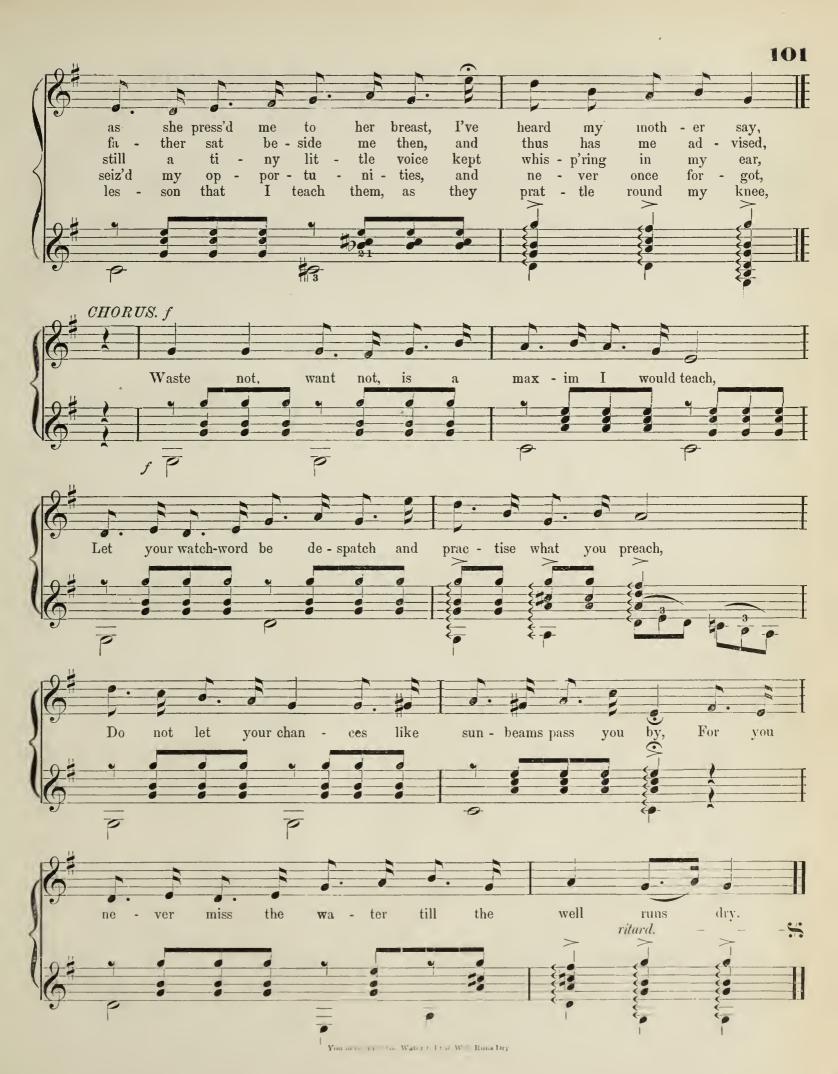
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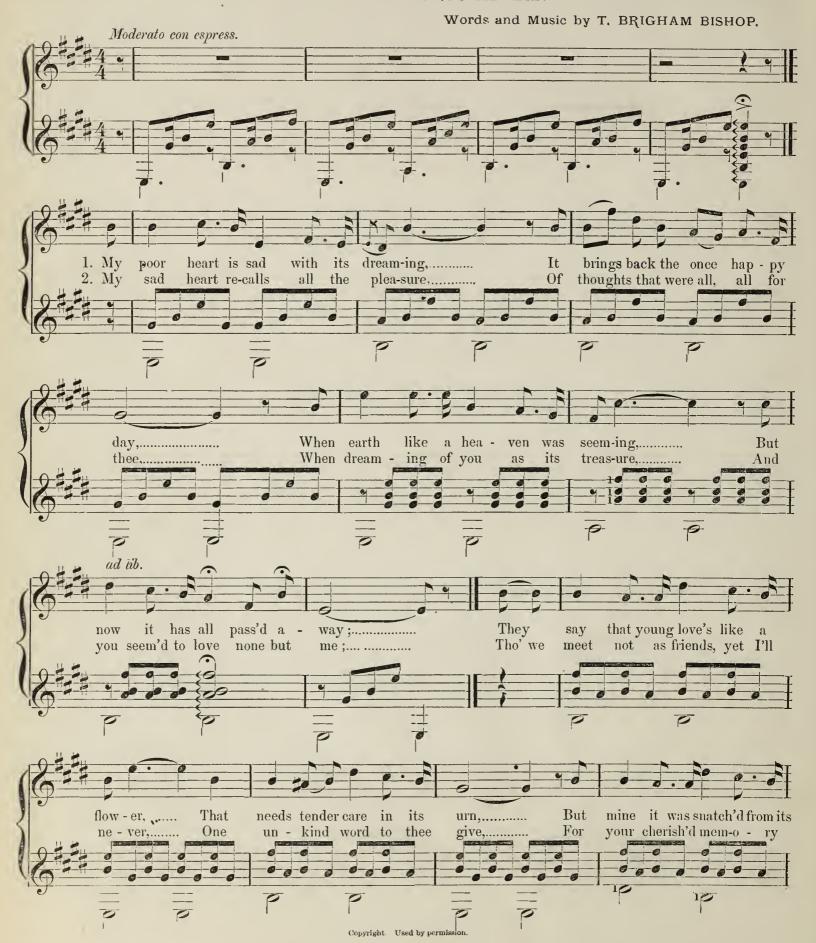
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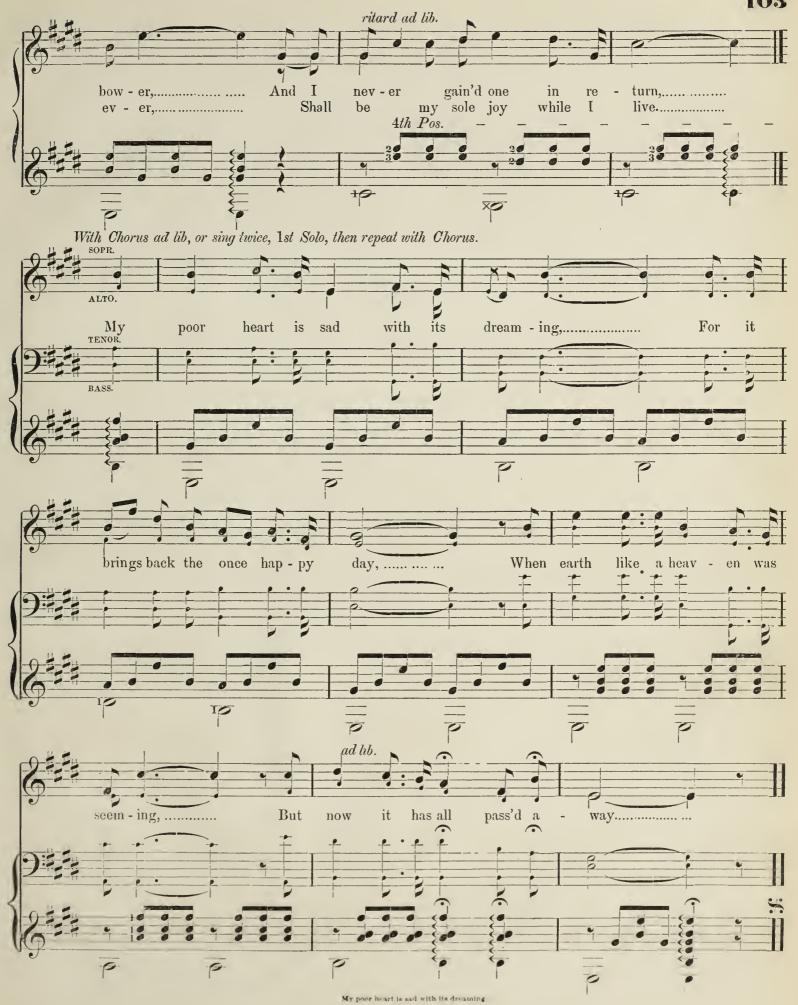


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